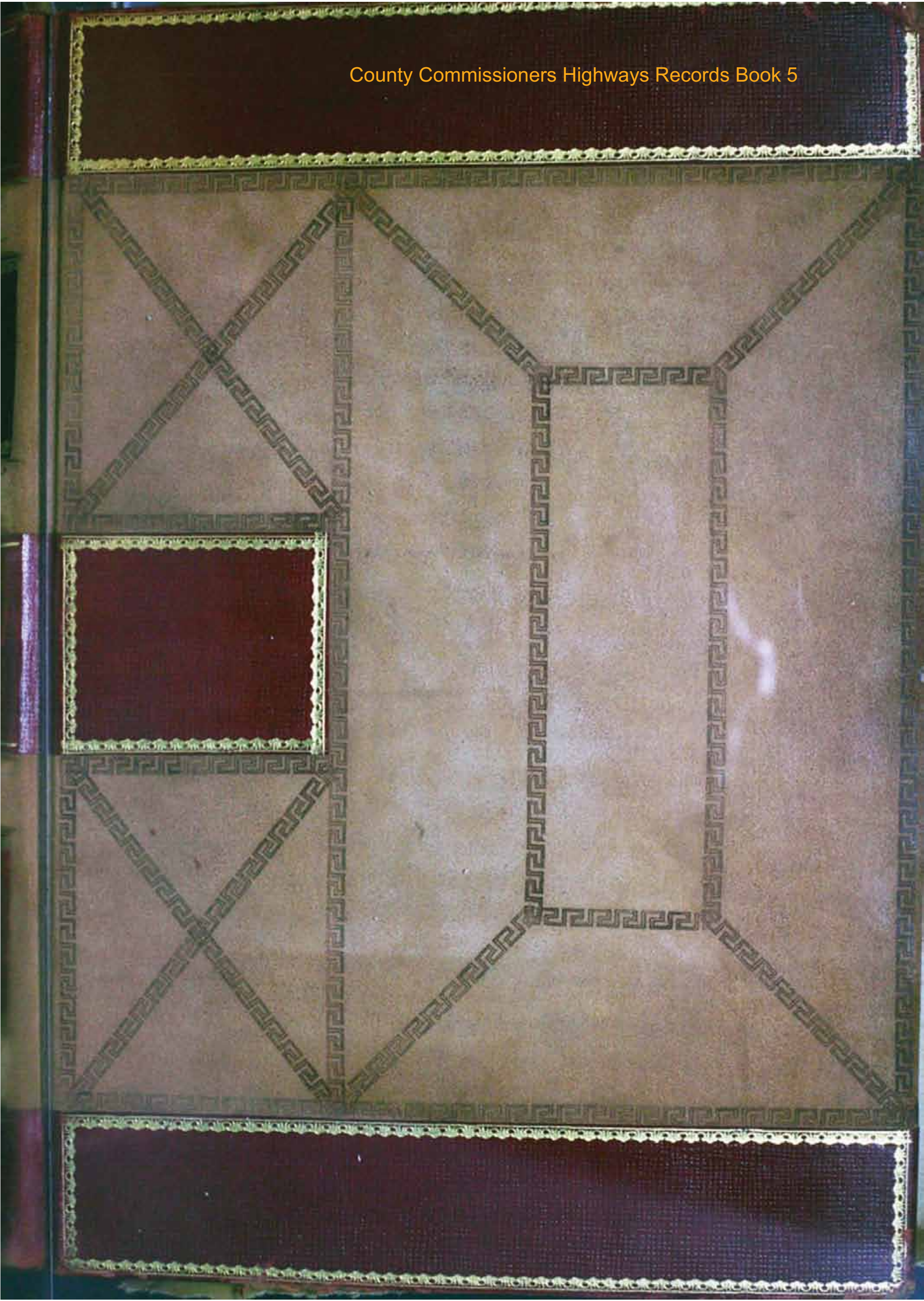


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To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden - The subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Chicopee within said County, Chicopee to respectfully represent, that a road has been discontinued & recently been established by your Board. Road in within said Town of Chicopee, in Chicopee said Chicopee Parish, leading from a point in the Chicopee road near the Rail Road Crossing on the west side of the Rail Road & terminating at the Southern extremity of an old meadow road at the Diebin road, so called. They further represent, that, at a meeting of the Inhabitants of said Town of Chicopee duly called for the purpose, held on the first day of April current, the said Board of Selectmen were instructed to petition the County Commissioners to discontinue the said road. They therefore respectfully request your Hon. Board to take the necessary proceedings for the purpose & to view said location & discontinue said road.

Chicopee Apr. 8. 1850 John Wells & others
Selectmen of Chicopee

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty Nine and was continued to the meeting held on the Tuesday of April last past at which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view at the Cabbot House in Chicopee on Friday the fourteenth day of June next, at nine o'clock, A.M. and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Chicopee in said County, thirty days at least, before the said 14th day of June.

and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Chicopee Telegraph a public newspaper printed in said town, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view.

And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstract containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Chicopee fourteen days before said 1stth day of June and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. And this petition was continued to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows.

Hampden Co. May 6. 1850. I served the Town Clerk of Chicopee with an attested copy of this petition & order by giving the same to him & also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty.

On the petition of the Selectmen of Chicopee then presented to said Commissioners representing and setting forth that a road has recently been established by the County Commissioners of said County within said Town of Chicopee in Chicopee Parish leading from a point in the Chicopee road near the Rail Road Crossing on the West side of the Rail Road

terminating at the Southern extremity of an old meadow road at the Dublin road so called & praying the Commissioners to discontinue said road as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Friday the fourteenth day of June then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Cabot House in Chicopee as the time and place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Chicopee being the town within which such highway the discontinuance of which is prayed for lies, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Telegraph a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before the view was had, ~~and~~ said Commissioners gave notice in like manner, as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said fourteenth day of June the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition be granted & that said road or highway be discontinued.

A. D. Leonard

Melvin Copeland

Wm. V. Lepiens

Commissioners

which report being read and considered is accepted, the road or highway discontinued.

I M. Howard Esq the County Commissioner for the County of Essex Pet to Hampden. Your petitioners, inhabitants of Southwick in said County, respectfully refer to the report of the County Commissioners dated the 21st of March last, that public convenience does not require the construction of a road recently laid out by the County Commissioners commencing in Westfield & passing on the near a dwelling ^{house} owned by A. B. Whitman, thence old Road running southerly and terminating near Randolph W Kellogg's in Southwick.

Your petitioners would therefore pray that said road be discontinued, and that such alterations of and repairs on the old road leading from said Randolph W. Kellogg's in Southwick to the Bridge across Little river, near Seth Bowls Mills in Westfield be made as public necessity and convenience may require Southwick, April 8th 1850. I M. Howard & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty, at which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Lewis Chapman in Westfield on Friday the twenty fourth day of May next, at nine o'clock A.M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerks of the town of Westfield & Southwick in said County thirty days at least before the 21st day of May and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Westfield Standard a public Newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered

by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition or abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the towns of Westfield & Southwick fourteen days before said 22nd day of May and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same ~~of the same~~ will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as following

Hampden Co. April 19. 1850 - I served the Town Clerk of each of the Towns of Westfield & Southwick with an attested copy of this petition & order, & then on by giving the same to each & also posted up in two public places in each of said towns an abstract containing the substance of
C. Rice Sheriff
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And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as following

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty. On the petition of Joseph M Forward & others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that public convenience does not require the construction of a road recently laid out by the County Commissioners commencing in Westfield near a dwelling house owned by A. B. Whitman thence running Southwaly & terminating near Ransford M. Kellogg in Southwick & praying that said road be discontinued & such alterations & repairs on the old roads leading from said Ransford M. Kellogg in Southwick

to the bridge across little river near Seth Cowles Mill in Westfield be made as public necessity & convenience may require as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners, during a view of the premises expedient, appointed Friday, the twenty fourth day of May then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Lewis Chapman in said Westfield as the time and place for viewing the premises: and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Westfield & Southwick being the towns within which such road the discontinuance & alterations whereof, are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused ^{attorneys} of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in each of said towns; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Westfield Standard a newspaper published in said County, said posting and last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least, before the time appointed for said view; and before said view, was held said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said twenty fourth day of May the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity do not require that the prayer of said petition be granted - a part of said roads lying in the town

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of Westfield in which N. S. Leonard Chairman of the
County Commissioners resides the other other members
of the board gave notice to Lewis St Newton Esq who
proceeded to act in the board instead of said
Leonard

Melvin Copeland }
Wm V. Sessions } Commissioners

Lewis St Newton Special Commissioner

which report being read and considered is accepted
and the prayer of the petitioners refused with costs
taxed at \$26.60

To the County Commissioners for the County of
Hampden. Respectfully shows the under Longmeadow Pet
signed Selectmen of the town of Longmeadow for discontinuance
that a highway was heretofore laid out leading of road in
from the road from Springfield to Somers Longmeadow
near the house of Rufus Bugbee in Longmeadow
to the house of Samuel Indicott in
Wilbraham - that said highway has never
been opened or wrought - that the expense of
building said road and the land damage
will be large and the convenience of travel
small, and that public convenience and
necessity render it expedient that said high-
way should be discontinued or altered -
They therefore pray that you will proceed to view
and discontinue or alter said highway as
shall by your Board be judged most expedient
Longmeadow April 10, 1850. Marcus Billings & others
The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of
the County Commissioners holden for said County
on the second Tuesday of April in the Year of
our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty
at which meeting the Commissioners deeming
a view of the premises expedient and proper
gave notice that they would meet for the
purpose of said view at the dwelling house of
Rufus Bugbee in Longmeadow on Wednesday
the fifth day of June next at nine o'clock A.M.
and it is ordered by the County Commissioners

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That a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy upon the Clerks of the towns of Longmeadow & Wilbraham in said County thirty days at least before the said fifth day of June and that all persons and corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order therein in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County three weeks preceding the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners that copies of said petition or abstract containing the substance thereof and this order be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy in two public places in the towns of Longmeadow & Wilbraham fourteen days at least before said fifth day of June and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows
Hampden Co April 25th 1850

I served the Town Clerk of Longmeadow with an attested copy of this petition and order therein by giving the same to him & also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition
C. Rice Sheriff

Hampden Co. April 26 1850 - I served the Town Clerk of Wilbraham with an attested copy of this petition & order therein by leaving the same at his dwelling house & posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition
C. Rice Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden held at Springfield in said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty. On the petition of Selectmen of Longmeadow then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that a highway was heretofore laid out leading from the road from Springfield to Somers near the house of Rufus Bugbee in Longmeadow to the house of Samuel Indicott in Wilbraham - that said highway has never been opened or wrought - that the expense of building said road & the land damages will be large & the convenience of travel small & that public convenience & necessity render it expedient, that said highway should be discontinued or altered & praying an alteration or discontinuance of said highway as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the fifth day of June then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Rufus Bugbee in said Longmeadow as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerks of the towns of Longmeadow & Wilbraham being the towns within which such highway the discontinuance whereof is prayed for lies thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof to be posted up in two public places in each of said towns; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said

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Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said fifth day of June the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view and having heard the parties the said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition and after considering the same said Commissioners did then and ^{there} adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that said highway ought to be ^{& should be} discontinued & that the sum of fifty Dollars is estimated & is hereby assessed to the said Samuel Indictor as his damages caused by the discontinuance of the highway aforesaid. Rufus Bugbee the only other owner of land over which the highway aforesaid passes claims no damages. A part of said highway lying within the town in which William V. Sessions Esq one of the County Commissioners resides Elizer Bates Esq one of the Special Commissioners was notified by the other members & proceeded to act in the board in place of said Sessions.

W. J. Leonard } County
Melvin Copeland } County
Elizer Bates Special Comm

Which report being read and accepted considered is accepted and the road discontinued.

Licensee
of Rum

Noah S. Bartlett is licensed as a retailer selling of wine & brandy rum & other intoxicating liquors for mechanical & medicinal purposes only at his office over J. B. Willingham & Co Store in Chester Village

Robert G. Marsh & John H. White are licensed as Innholders without any authority to sell

intoxicating liquors in the town of Holyoke

One vote for Treasurer of the County of Hampden votes for
having been sorted & counted it appears that the whole County inasmuch
number of votes is thirty one hundred & forty five
necessary for a choice is fifteen hundred & seventy three
William Rice has thirty one hundred & forty six
declared by the County Commissioners chosen
He is sworn & gives bonds to the acceptance of
the County Commissioners

Ordered that the Board be a committee to ^{appoint} Inspectors
visit & inspect the Jail & House of Correction of Prisons
& to examine into the government & discipline & police
thereof

Dr J. H. Gray is appointed Physician ^{Physician}
to attend the prisoners in the Jail & House of ^{for the}
Correction for the ensuing year at the sum ^{Jail &}
of ten dollars

At a meeting of the Inspectors of Prisons of the
County of Hampden held July 12th 1850. It was
ordered that the Keeper of the Jail & House of
Correction of said County be directed to make Inspectors
the returns required by the 28th Section of the ^{of Prisons}
143 Chapter of the Revised Statutes on or before
the first day of August next, & that hereafter until
the further order of said Inspectors the returns
aforesaid be made to said Inspectors at the Court
House on the fourth Tuesdays of June & December
at 10 o'clock A.M.

The first return above required will comprise
the period from the first day of February last
to the time of making up the same. The next
will embrace the remainder of the year up to
said 4th Tuesday of December. Subsequent
reports will include the interval between the
several returns. The several particulars
mentioned in said Section may be placed in
columns with an appropriate heading of each
of the subjects specifically mentioned in said section

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Each return shall state the extent to which moral & religious instruction has been afforded to the prisoners & the effect thereof, if any is apparent.

Also the kinds of ration that have been ordinarily distributed to the prisoners & if ^{they} ~~it~~ to what general extent. The number & names of persons who have had the supervision of the prisoners in the house of Correction & whether such supervision has been constant during the ^{day} time or occasional, & if the latter how much of the time they are under such supervision when not in the city. Also the sex & color of each prisoner & the length of time for which they were committed.

N. S. Leonard
Melvin Copeland } Inspectors
Wm O. Sessions } Prisoners

Ordered that the foregoing be recorded & a copy of the same served upon the Keeper of the Jail House of Correction.

Accounts

Sundry accounts being now presented are allowed & ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury as follows amounting to the sum of two thousand & twenty seven dollars & fourteen cents viz

Davy Anthony & Phillips	22.00
S. W. Park	6.62
Harris & Colton	6.25
Rufus Leonard	26.62
E. Allen	2.25
S. L. Dickerman	57.32
Wm Gunn & Co	68.25
Dean Packard & Mills	485.18
Levi Littlefield	14.84
Harvey Symon	61.25
Jas D. Brewer	13.74
Patten Fitch	99.91
Horner Foot & Co	42.68
John B. Kirkham	36.92
Daniel Reynolds	3.69
Crosett & Kirkham	43.20
Merrick M. Bates	193.76

Lucas Chapin	54.69
Charles M. Chatham	64.12
Frederic Story	9.00
Berning Leavelle	5.00
Springfield Cemetery	2.50
Calby Rice	47.71
Butter & Bridgman	5.50
Harvey Chapin	14.96
Hopkins Bridgman & Co	15.12
R. Bliss	58.02
Amasa Parsons	45.00
J. F. Downing in part	9.00
Dennis Hodge & al. witnesses at Sheriff's Jury	15.84
Jonathan Wright	10.00
Dr H R Bailey	10.00
	<u>\$2027.14</u>

The following persons are allowed the sum set ^{Land} against their names in full for damages to ^{Land} Damages taken for highways &c & amounting to the sum of three hundred & thirty five dollars & the same are ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury.

Reuben Smith	5.00
Dolly Miller	{ N. Leonard's Rt. 10.00
Baswell Loomis	
Rodney Upson	5.00
Heirs of Walter Avery	{ S. Upson 12.00
Consider B. Mallory	
Noahiah Basworth	
Isidiah Shepard	195.00
Samuel Indicott	Shet. M. Longmire 50.00
Silas Rose	A. Huntington 25.00
	<u>\$335.00</u>

Hampden S.D. July 12. 1830. Judgment is entered up according to reports &c & all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued & this meeting is adjourned without day
Attest Rich^d Bliss Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden Co

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun & holden at Springfield within for the County of Hampden on the first Tuesday of October being the first day of the month by adjournment on the ninth day of said month by adjournment on the 22^d day of said month and by adjournment on the 31^d day of said month and by adjournment on the 5th day of November and by adjournment on the 15th day of said month November in the year of our Lords one thousand Eight hundred fifty

Present Norman T. Leonard Esq Chairman
William D. Sessions " County
Melvin Copeland " Hampden

Benj Ashley & others To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners
Pet for a highway for the County of Hampden - at a meeting
to assess damages held on the second Tuesday of April A.D. 1848
& make alterations The undersigned respectfully represent that said
in a road in County Commissioners on the fourth Tuesday of
West Springfield December A.D. 1847 located & established a road
or highway over & cross the lands of the undersigned
upon the petition of Rufus S. Payne and others
presented to said Commissioners on the fourth
Tuesday of June A.D. 1847 all of said lands
being situate in West Springfield in said
County which lands are described as follows
viz the land of Benjamin Ashley is bounded
Easterly on the Connecticut River Southerly
on the Ferry Road leading from said West
Springfield to Cabotville partly & partly on said
Ashley's other lands and lands of Harvey Barnes
Westerly on the highway & Northerly on land of
Moses Ashley & Daniel Ashley & Horace Smith
The land of Daniel Ashley is bounded
Northerly on lands of William Ashley Easterly
on said last mentioned highway Southerly
on lands of said William Ashley partly & partly
on lands of Chauncey Thayer & Westerly on lands
of said William Ashley partly & partly on the

highway - The land of Justin Bagg is bounded
Northward on the Branch hill road so called & on land
of Chauncey Thayer & William Ashley. Easterly on the
highway. Southward on Moses Ashley's land partly &
partly on said Justin's other land & Westerly on
a highway or road. The land of Elbridge Day
is bounded Northward on land of Elijah Ashley.
Easterly partly on Justin Morgan's land & partly on the
highway. Southward on land of Benjamin Ashley
& Westerly on land of Jonathan Brooks partly &
partly on land of Eliab Brooks.

And that pursuant to said petition said
Commissioners have proceeded to locate said
road & estimate the damages occasioned to
the undersigned by said location, the report of
which estimate & location was returned & ac-
cepted by said Commissioners on the fourth
Tuesday of December, AD 1847. And now the
undersigned feeling aggrieved by the doings
of said Commissioners in their location of
said road, and in their estimate of damages,
Ask that a Jury may be summoned to make
such alterations in said location as they may
think proper, between the termini as established
by said Commissioners, and also to assess the
damages occasioned by said location accor-
ding to the provisions of law.

Benjamin Ashley & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of
the County Commissioners held on the second
Tuesday of April in the year of our Lords one thous-
and eight hundred and forty eight, and con-
tinued to the meeting held on the fourth Tues-
day of June in the year aforesaid, at which
meeting it was ordered that a warrant be issued
to the Sheriff of said County or his deputy
for the purpose prayed for in said petition
and this petition was continued from
meeting to meeting to this meeting.

And on the sixth day of September, AD 1848,
a warrant was duly issued requiring the Sheriff

or his Deputy to summon a Jury to hear & determine the matters of Complaint set forth in said petition. And at the term of the Court of Common Pleas holden at Springfield within & for said County on the 2^d Monday of October 1848 Nathaniel Cutler, a Deputy of the Sheriff of said County, made his return as follows viz:

Pursuant to this warrant I made application to the selectmen of the towns of Springfield, Longmeadow & Westfield three nearest disinterested towns in said County requiring them to draw from the Jury Box the names of four good & lawful men for each of said towns to serve on the Jury herein ordered. & the said selectmen make due return of said application as follows. To wit Edmund Freeman Joseph Deane, Levi C. Boyington Isaac Rudge & were returned from said town of Springfield. William Simonds Ethan Taylor, Sylvanus Pratt, Levi Moody, were returned from said town of Longmeadow and Levi C. Bancroft, Martin Sackett, William C. Rankin, & Benj^r Bancroft were returned from said town of Westfield as appears by the certificate of the selectmen of each of said towns herewith presented, and on the second day of October A.D. 1848 I caused the said persons so returned as Jurors to be summoned to appear before A. N. Stockwell on Friday the sixth day of October, A.D. 1848 at nine o'clock A.M. at the Cabot House in the town of Chicopee and on the second day of October aforesaid I notified the said parties concerned to wit the petitioner, within named & Bromley Leavett who was appointed by the County Commissioners to act as the Agent of the County in the premises of the time & place of convening said Jury and on the said sixth day of October, A.D. 1848 A. N. Stockwell proceeded to convene said Jurors who were duly sworn as above certified by him & after said Jury had chosen a foreman by ballot and fully heard the parties, I caused them to be by themselves, when they agreed upon and sealed up their verdict in the premises which is herewith returned into Court. Nathl Cutler Sheriff

and the verdict returned to said Court is in the words following to wit

Hampden Co. Verdict of the Jury in the case of Benjamin
Oct 1st 1848 Ashley & others petitioners against the In-
habitants of the County of Hampden The Jury empan-
nelled by Amos W. Stockwell Esquire one of the
Justices of Peace for Hampden County and appo-
inted to preside in said case, to enquire into the
matter as to the necessity and propriety of any
alterations as to so much of the location of the
highway mentioned in the warrant in this case
as is upon & over the lands of Benjamin Ashley,
Daniel Ashley & Justin Bagg & to make such alt-
erations in the location of that part of the high-
way aforesaid, as might be deemed by the Jury
necessary & proper, & also enquire into & assess the
damages sustained by the said Benjamin
Ashley, Daniel Ashley, Justin Bagg & Elbridge Day,
by the laying out establishment & alteration of said
highway over the lands belonging to the said
Benjamin Ashley, Daniel Ashley, Justin Bagg
& Elbridge Day. Mentioned in the warrant in this
case having been first duly sworn by said Amos W.
Stockwell, and having chosen Joseph D. Decret
foreman by ballot, after carefully viewing the prem-
ises and fully hearing the evidence and the parties,
do find & our verdict is that it is not necessary or
proper that any alterations be made in the location
of the highway mentioned in the warrant in this case
upon & over the land of the said Benjamin Ashley, Daniel
Ashley, Justin Bagg and the Jury further finds
& our verdict is that the said Benjamin Ashley
recover against the said Inhabitants of the County
of Hampden the sum of Two Hundred Nineteen
Dollars ninety eight cents, and that the said Daniel
Ashley recover against the Inhabitants of the said
County of Hampden the sum of twenty eight
Dollars & twenty six cents. Also that the said Justin
Bagg recover against the Inhabitants of the
County of Hampden the sum of Three Hundred
& thirty two Dollars & fifty two cents.

Also that the said Elbridge Day recover against the Inhabitants of the County of Hampden the sum of One Hundred & Twenty Dollars & Seventy nine Cents as their damages sustained respectively as aforesaid

W. C. Rankin	Joseph D. Decoret	Common
Sevi C. Bancroft	Edmunds Freeman	Clerk
Ethan Taylor	Isaac Rindge	by
William Simons	Silvanus Pratt	
Benjamin Bancroft	Sevi C. Boyington	
Leera Moody	Martin Backus	

At which meeting ~~from~~ the respondents appeared by their Attorneys Chapman Ashman & Norton moved the Court to set aside the verdict on account of the misdirection of A. M. Stockwell Esq who presided at the trial & the admission by him of illegal evidence before the Jury. And the said case was continued in the said Court of Common Pleas to the term of said Court, held on the first Monday of October 1858. at which term the motion to set aside the verdict was overruled & said verdict having been adjudicated upon was accepted & the Clerk ordered to certify the same to the County Commissioners according to law & now the said verdict & adjudication are returned here at this meeting & no further proceedings are had

Recd. Blodget & others Petition to the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden. The undersigned respectfully represent that the public highway from the small brook North East of the late residence of Eli Kendrick in Holland passing the house of Kimball Webber, to the house of Mrs Lombard in Sturbridge is extremely hilly and very subject to drift. Wherefore we your Petitioners request your Honor. Boards to view the premises, and swing round said hills and intersect the old turnpike near the brook in Holland South West of the house of Mrs Lombard and discontinue such part of the present highway as may be useless or make such alterations and

improvements as shall appear to your Honors
necessary.

Signed Rosewell Blodgett & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the
County Commissioners holden for said County on
the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and forty nine
and continued to the first Tuesday of October, then
next at which meeting the Commissioners de-
ciding a view of the premises expedient and
proper, gave notice that they would meet for
the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house
of Eliza Kinney in Holland on Tuesday the
sixth day of November next at nine o'clock
A.M. And it is ordered by the County Com-
missioners that a copy of said petition be served
by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy
upon the Clerk of the Town of Holland in said
County, thirty days, at least, before said 6th day
of November, and that all ^{other} persons and
Corporations interested therein be notified,
by publishing a copy of said petition and this
order thereon, in the Springfield Republican
a public newspaper, printed in said County,
three weeks successively, the last publication to
be fourteen days at least before the time of said
view. And it is further ordered by the Comm-
issioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts
containing the substance thereof and this
order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy,
in two public places in the town of Holland
fourteen days before the said sixth day of November,
and that notice be given in manner, afore-
said to all persons and Corporations interested,
that the County Commissioners deem a view
of the premises expedient and proper, and
that a view of the same will be taken by them
at the time and place aforesaid.

and this petition was continued to the fourth
Tuesday of December then next, and the Sheriff
of said County made his return as following.

Hampden Co Oct 6. 1849

I served the town clerk of Holland with an attested copy of the petition & order thereon by leaving the same at his dwelling house & also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition upon that fourteen days before returning

C Rice Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County, on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty nine. On the petition of Russell Blodgett and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that public necessity requires alterations in the highway from the small Brook north east of the late residence of Eli Kendrick in Holland and and intersecting the old Turnpike near the Brook in Holland south west of the house of Mr Lombard & discontinuance such part of the present highway as may be useless as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Tuesday the sixth day of November then next and at 9 o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Elisha Winney in Holland as the time and place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Holland being the town within which such alterations and discontinuance are prayed for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper

published in said County, said petition and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the ^{said} fifth day of November the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Banning Leavett County
Samuel Root Commis
John McCray Sioney

Which report being read and considered was accepted and the alterations prayed for adjudged of common convenience and necessity, and this petition was continued to a meeting on the fourth Tuesday of June last, at which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners would meet at the dwelling house of Elisha Rinney in Holland on Wednesday the twenty eighth day of August next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said highway by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Palmyra Journal a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty eighth day of August. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of Holland with a copy of said petition and this

order, thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Holland fourteen days at least before the said twenty eighth day of August at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to locate said highway and will hear all persons and Corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road.

And this petition was continued to the meeting and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order, makes his return as follows

Campden Ct. July 27. 1851 - I served the Town Clerk of the Holland with an attested copy of this petition & order by leaving the same at his dwelling house & also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Campden Ct. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden held at Springfield, in said County, on the first Tuesday of October, in the Year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty nine. On the petition of Roswell Blodgett & others then presented to said Commissioners representing and setting forth that public necessity requires alterations in the highway from the small Brook North East of the late residence of Eli Kendrick in Holland intersecting the old Turnpike near the brook in Holland South West of the house of William Lambard & discontinuing such part of the present highway as may be useful as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners, according to a decree of the previous Expedients appointed Tuesday the sixth day of November then met at nine o'clock in

the forenoon at the house of Olisha Winney in Holland
and at the time and place for viewing the premises
and caused a copy of said petition to be served
upon the Clerk of the town of Holland being the
town within which such alterations & discontinuance
are prayed for thirty days at least, before the time
appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts
of said petition, containing the substance thereof,
to be posted in two public places in said town
and also gave notice to all persons interested by
causing a copy of said petition to be published in
three weeks successively in the Springfield Repu-
blican a newspaper published in said County.
said posting and the last publication of said
copy having been fourteen days at least, before
the time appointed for said view; and before said
view was had, said Commissioners gave notice
in like manner as described in the foregoing
notice of the petition, to all persons interested,
of the time and place for commencing said
view. And on the said sixth day of December
the Commissioners met at the time and place
appointed, and proceeded to view the premises,
and having viewed the same, the further
consideration thereof was deferred till the next
regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at
Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of
December, then next at which meeting the parties
were heard, and after the hearing, said Com-
missioners proceeded to consider, and adjudicate upon
the prayer of said petition, and after considering
the same said Commissioners did adjudge that
common convenience & necessity require that the
prayer of the petitioners be granted and after adju-
dicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners
appointed Wednesday the twenty eighth day of
August then next and nine o'clock in the
forenoon, at the house of Olisha Winney
in said Holland as the time and place
when and where they would meet, and pro-
ceed to locate, and the said Commissioners

having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for locating said alterations & discontinuing a portion of then existing highway in the same manner, as the notice and publication was given and made, and is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) in the Palmer Journal published in said County instead of the Springfield Republican, on the said twenty eighth day of August met and proceeded to examine said highway & to hear all persons & corporations interested therein & said meeting was thereupon adjourned to the nineteenth day of September then met at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house formerly owned by said Kendrick, of which due notice was given to all persons & corporations interested at which time & place last mentioned the said Commissioners proceeded to locate said alteration of said highway in manner following viz.

- ↓ Commencing at a stone monument by the side of William Triggells stone wall & running thence North thirty one & a half degrees East thirty two rods & ten links through land of said Triggell & land of Eldridge C. Fuller to a stone monument by the side of said Fuller stone wall then on land of said Fuller North forty one & a half degrees East forty three rods & fifteen links to a stone monument at said Fullers North East corner the road ^{land} and from its commencement to this point to be so constructed as not to exceed a grade of one degree at any point then North fifty three & a half degrees East on land of Cleaver Moore twenty eight rods to the road leading from Eldridge C. Fuller to Winball Webbers house intersecting said road at its Southwesterly side at a stone monument. On this course two commodious bridges of stone of sufficient capacity to admit the passage of all the water that may accumulate on the easterly side of the highway at all seasons of the year are

to be constructed each of which are to be not less than
five feet in width. The knoll on this course is to be crea-
ted on its highest point, seven feet & carried into the
low grounds so that the grade of the road bed shall
not exceed three degrees. Thence crossing said Miller
road at its present grade North forty seven & three
quarter degrees East twenty five rods & eight links
to a hole drilled in a rock on lands of Squire
J Ballard. On this course a dry bridge for the
passage of cattle is to be constructed at the most
convenient point on lands of said Ballard
& near said Miller road, the same to be built
with stone abutments whose walls shall batter
six inches with a passage way at least five & a
half feet wide & six feet high & the grade of the
road bed on this course is not to exceed two & a
half degrees. Thence on lands of said Ballard
North thirty seven & a half degrees East twenty
seven rods to a stone monument by the mill
at the Northerly end of said Ballard's pasture.
Then on lands of William A. Lynn North thirty
two degrees East thirty & a half rods to a stone
monument by the mill at the South West corner
of Cleaver Moore's land. The road bed on the
two last named courses to be graded so as
not to exceed in any place one & a half degrees.
Then on lands of Cleaver Moore North fifty six
& a half degrees East thirty six rods to a stone
monument. Then North forty three & three
quarter degrees East thirty two rods & ten links
to a small walnut tree marked. The road bed
on the two last named courses is to be so con-
structed as not to exceed a grade of one degree
& a quarter. Then North thirty four degrees East
fourteen rods to a small white pine tree
marked. Then North forty nine & a half de-
grees East six rods to a stone monument.
Then North sixty seven degrees East fourteen
rods & seven links to a white oak tree marked.
The hollows on the last course to be filled up in
the bed of the road so as to make a uniform

grade then North eight four degrees East seven rods & fifteen links to a hole drilled in a rock on the ridge of the hill - the knoll in the last course to be reduced so that the grade of the road bed shall in no part, exceed two & a half degrees - then South seventy eight & a quarter degrees East thirty five & a half rods to a stone monument by the side of the wall at the intersection with the present travelled road - The courses distances & monuments are on the easterly side of the road as located - the highway is to be three rods in width through the entire length thereof & also to embrace the lands of William A. Lynd lying to the east of the line surveyed & between that line & the fence the east side of his pasture that travelled path is to be wrought at least, sixteen feet in width exclusive of ditches - All sudden elevations are to be reduced. Substantial sluices of stone are to be made whenever it may be necessary to have a passage for the water across the road. No mounds are to be constructed upon any part of the travelled path. Whenever the surface of the road bed is found to be sandy it is to be hardened with suitable materials at least six inches in thickness all of the materials used in constructing the road are to be good & well adapted to the purposes for which they are employed & the road is to be constructed in all respects in a good, thorough, workman-like & substantial manner & to be completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners on or before the twentieth day of June next - The old highway between the termini above mentioned is discontinued whenever the new highway is accepted. And the said Commissioners then proceeded to estimate the damages sustained by all person who in their judgment sustained damages by reason of the location & discontinuance aforesaid & assess the same as follows viz. To Squire J. Ballards one hundred & seventeen dollars

\$117.00

William A. Lyman fifty Dollars	50.00
Edward Moore then hundred & two Dollars	102.00
William Knifell fifty seven Dollars	57.00
Olbridge C. Fuller, sixty Dollars	60.00
	<u>\$516.00</u>

no other persons or corporations claimed any damages & none other were sustained in the judgment of said Commissioners. The respective owners of lands over which the highway located above passes are allowed until the first day of March next to take off their wood timber & trees therefrom.

N. S. Leonard } County
 Melvin Copeland } Commis.
 Wm. V. Sessions } Living

which report being read and considered is accepted and the alterations established as and for a public highway.

To acceptance of above road see page 152

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden - The petition of us the subscribers Petitioners & inhabitants of Wilbraham in said County for a highway & others in the vicinity of said Wilbraham, respectfully represent that whereas a piece of public highway in the West Parish of Stafford County Connecticut, is in process of being laid out, commencing at some point on the highway leading from Fuller's Suppers to Ada Patters in said Parish & between said Suppers & Patters - thence to run northerly to or near the dwelling house of Urban Bartlett in said Parish thence northerly to or near a stake stones in the line between the States of Connecticut & Massachusetts separating said Parish from said Wilbraham. Therefore your petitioners pray that a piece of new highway may be laid out according to law, in the South Parish of said Wilbraham to meet said first mentioned piece said last mentioned piece to commence near the first bridge down stream from Bull's Mills

so called, thence Southwark to or near said Stake
Stones - (Signed) Robert Sessions & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting
of the County Commissioners holden for said
County on the second Tuesday of April in the
Year of our Lords one thousand eight hundred
and fifty. At which meeting the Commissioners
deeming a view of premises expedient and proper,
gave notice that they would meet for the purpose
of said view, at the dwelling house of S. C. Spillman
in Wilbraham on Tuesday the fourth day of June
next, at nine o'clock, A.M. and it is ordered by the
County Commissioners that a copy of said petition
be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy,
upon the Clerk of the town of Wilbraham in said
County, thirty days, at least, before the said fourth day
of June and that all ^{the} persons and Corporations
interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of
said petition and this order thereon in the Hampden
Post a public newspaper printed in said County,
three weeks successively, the last publication to be four-
teen days at least before the time of said view.

And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that
copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the sub-
stance thereof, and this order, be posted up by said
Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town
of Wilbraham fourteen days before said fourth day
of June and that notice be given in manner aforesaid
to all persons and Corporations interested,
that the County Commissioners deem a view of the
premises expedient and proper, and that a view of
the same will be taken by them at the time and
place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to this meeting
and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows
Hampden St. April 26, 1855 - I served the town Clerk
of Wilbraham with an attested copy of this petition
& order by leaving the same at his dwelling house
& posted up in two public in said town an abstract
containing the substance of said petition.

C. Mear Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their
report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden Sh. - A meeting of the County
Commissioners of the County of Hampden
held at Springfield, in said County on the
second Tuesday of April in the year four
Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty.
On the petition of Robert Sessions & others then
presented to said Commissioners, representing
and setting forth that a piece of public
highway in the west Parish of Stafford County
Connecticut is in process of being laid
out commencing at some point on the
highway leading from Fielder Suppers to
Hasa Pattens in said Parish & between said
Suppers & Pattens thence to run Northwesterly to or
near the dwelling house of Urbane Bartlett
in said Parish then Northwesterly to or near
a stake & stones in the line between the
States of Connecticut & Massachusetts separ-
ating said Parish from said Wilbraham.
And praying that a piece of new highway
may be laid out according to law in the
South Parish of said Wilbraham to meet
said first mentioned piece said piece to
commence near the first bridge down stream
from Burts Mills so called then Southerly to
or near said stakes & stones as by said petition
on file will appear. The Commissioners, deem-
ing a view of the premises expedient, appointed
Tuesday, the fourth day of June then next
and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house
of S. C. Spelman in Wilbraham as the time
and place for viewing the premises; and
caused a copy of said petition to be served
upon the clerk of the town of Wilbraham
being the town within which such highway
lies the location of which is prayed for thirty
days at least before the time appointed for
said view; and also caused abstracts of

said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a newspaper, published in said County, said posting and last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said fourth day of June the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties the matter was reserved for further consideration to the June & October meeting. At said October meeting, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same & having ascertained that said highway in Stafford would not be laid, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition should not be granted. William V. Sessions Esq. one of the County Commissioners not being qualified to act on account of his residence in Wilbraham aforesaid Elizer Bates Esq. one of the Special Commissioners was notified by the other members of the board & appeared & acted in his stead.

W. S. Leonard } County
Melvin Copeland } Commissioners
Elizer Bates } Special Commissioner

which report being made and considered is accepted and the prayer of the petitioners refused.

Wm. Chandler & others } To the County Commissioners for the County of
Ad. to Warden & Straigh- } Hampden the undersigned respectfully represent,
An Act in Congress

that the public highway from near the house of Esdras
O'Brien in Longmeadow to the rail road Depot in said
town and so on South by twenty rods is narrow, crooked
& inconvenient. Wherefore your petitioners request
Your Honorable Board to view the premises at your
earliest convenience to widen, and straighten said road
and make such alterations & improvements as shall
appear to your honors necessary.
Longmeadow May 27, 1850 D. Chandler & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the
County Commissioners holden for said County on the
fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and fifty, at which meet-
ing the Commissioners deeming a view of the
premises expedient and proper, gave notice that
they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the
dwelling house of Simon Colton in Longmeadow
on Wednesday the seventh day of August next, at
nine o'clock A.M. and it is ordered by the
County Commissioners that a copy of said petition
be served by the Sheriff of said County or his deputy,
upon the Clerk of the town of Longmeadow in said
County, thirty days, at least, before said seventh day
of August and that all persons and Corporations
interested therein be notified, by publishing a
copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the
Post a public newspaper, printed in said County,
three weeks successively, the last publication to be
fourteen days at least before the time of said view.
And it is further ordered by the Commissioners,
that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing
the substance thereof and this order, be posted
up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places
in the town of Longmeadow fourteen days before
said seventh day of August and that notice
be given in manner aforesaid to all persons
and Corporations interested, that the County
Commissioners deem a view of the premises exped-
ient and proper and that a view of the same will
be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid

And this petition was continued to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows
 Hampden July 3 1851 - I served the Town Clerk of Longmeadow with an attested copy of the petition & order thereon by giving the same to him & also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of the same.

C. H. Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co. - At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the Year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty. On the petition of Diamond Chandler & others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that public highway from near the house of Cad C. B. in Longmeadow to the rail road depot in said town & so on South 20 rods is narrow, crooked & inconvenient & praying the Commissioners to view, widen & straighten & make such alterations as should appear to be necessary as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the fourth day of August then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Diamond Colton in Longmeadow as the time and place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Longmeadow being the town within which such road the alteration of which is prayed for is situated, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Longmeadow said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Post a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said

copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said seventh day of August the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same & it appearing to the satisfaction of said Commissioners that the way the alteration of which is prayed for is a town way & not a public highway & that said Commissioners have no jurisdiction of the subject matter, it is therefore reported that the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

A. J. Leonard	County
Melvin Copeland	
Wm. V. Sessions	
	Commissioners

Which report being read and considered is accepted and the prayer of the petitioners refused, with costs taxed at \$25.98.

To the County Commissioners for the County of John Baldwin Hampden. Respectfully represents John Baldwin Petitioner for that heretofore to wit on the 19th day of September, allowance of A.D. 1849 the County Commissioners for said damages County located a highway in Wilbraham upon the petition of Royal Rindge & others over lands of Thomas Glover, of which your petitioners then held & still holds a mortgage for security of a certain debt therein described that on the 13th of October A.D. 1849 your petitioner took open & peaceable possession of the tract of lands aforesaid to foreclose the same & still holds possession thereof that the said Commissioners allowed land damages

to said Thomas Glover one hundred & fifteen
 Dollars - that your petitioner conceives that said sum
 ought to be paid to him by virtue of his right as
 such mortgagee & therefore prays that your board
 will order said sum to be paid to him as such
 mortgagee. He further represents that he is the
 Executor of the will of P. Thomas who is deceased,
 that as such Executor he has by licence of the Pro-
 bate Court, sold the Equity of redeeming said lands
 to Pelatiah Glover, a son of said Thomas
 (Signed) John Baldwin

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting
 of the County Commissioners holden for said County
 on the fourth Tuesday of June in the Year of our
 Lords one thousand eight hundred and fifty.
 at which meeting the Commissioners gave notice that
 they would meet for the purpose of a hearing on said
 petition at the dwelling house of John Baldwin in
 Wilbraham on Tuesday the thirtieth day of July next
 at nine o'clock P.M. and it is ordered by the County
 Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served
 by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy upon
 Pelatiah Glover of Wilbraham in said County
 fourteen days at least before the said 30th day of
 July that he may then & there appear & shew
 cause why the prayer of the petition should not
 be granted.

and this petition was continued to this meeting,
 and the Sheriff of said County made his return
 as following

I Campbell do June 28. 1850 I served the said
 Pelatiah Glover with an attested copy of this
 petition & order by leaving the same at his dwelling house
 C. Rice Sheriff

and now it is ordered that the prayer of the petition
 be granted and the damages ordered to be paid to
 the petitioner.

Selection of Endless Pet To the County Commissioners for the County of
 for discontinuance of High Way. Glover petitioner Selectman of the town
 of Wilbraham

of Sudlow in behalf of the legal voters value by a vote of 3
town would respectfully represent that a former
board of Commissioners located & ordered a bridge to
be built across Chicopee River near the dwelling
house of Joseph Miller in P Sudlow & your petiti-
oners further represent that in our judgment the
public good & convenience does not require the
above location & that the public convenience &
wants require that a portion of the County road
should be discontinued namely. Commencing
at an oak tree near the house of Joseph Miller
in said Sudlow & leading in a southeasterly direction
through Chicopee River to the line of the Western rail
Road in Wilbraham in P County near the house
of W. Collins - Your petitioners would therefore
ask that your honors would view the premises
& discontinue said road & revoke the order of
the former Commissioners to build said bridge.
According to the law in such case made & provided
& as in duty bounds will ever pray.

Sudlow June 22 1850

Gene Miller } Selectman
A. H. Whitney }
Henry Fuller } Sudlow

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting
of the County Commissioners holden for said County
on the fourth Tuesday of June in the Year of
our Lords one thousand eight hundred and
fifty. At which meeting the Commissioners
deeming a view of the premises expedient and
proper gave notice that they would meet for the
purpose of said view at the dwelling house of
John Baldwin in Wilbraham on Tuesday the
thirtieth day of July next at nine o'clock A.M; and
it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a
copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff
of said County or his Deputy upon the clerks
of the Towns of Sudlow & Wilbraham in said
County thirty days at least before the said thir-
tieth day of July and that all other persons
and Corporations interested therein be notified

by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the towns of Ludlow & Milbraham fourteen days before said thirtieth day of July and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to this meeting
And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows

Hampden sh. June 28, 1858 - I served the town clerk of Milbraham with an attested copy of this petition & order thereon by giving the same to him & also served the town clerk of Ludlow with an attested copy of this petition by leaving the same at his dwelling house & also posted up in two public places in each of D. Towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition
C. Rice Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden sh. - At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden held at Springfield in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the Year of our Lords eighteen hundred and fifty. On the petition of the selectmen of Ludlow in said County then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that a former Board of Commissioners located & ordered a bridge to be built across

Chicopee River near the dwelling house of Joseph Miller in said Ludlow - that the public goods & convenience does not require the above location & that the public convenience & wants require that a portion of the County roads should be discontinued namely commencing at an oak tree near the house of Joseph Miller in said Ludlow & ending in a southerly direction through Chicopee River to the line of the Western Rail Road in said Milbraham near the house of W. Collins & praying the Commissioners to view & discontinue said road & revoke the order for building said bridge as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday, the thirtieth day of July then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of John Baldwin in said Milbraham as the time and place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the towns of Ludlow & Milbraham being the towns within which such roads lie the discontinuance of which is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused a abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in each of said towns; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Republican a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said thirtieth day of July the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined

to hear the parties at the same time of said views, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider, and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition should not be granted - a part of said road lying in the town of Wilbraham in which William V. Sessions Esq, one of the Commissioners, resides the other members of the Board gave notice to Elizer Bates Esq, one of the Special Commissioners who proceeded to act in the Board

A. S. Leonard } County
Melvin Cepeland } Commissioners
Elizer Bates } Special Commissioner

which report being read and considered is accepted and the prayer of the petitioners refused, and costs taxed at \$28.22

To the County Commissioners for the County of
Hampden, Respectfully represent the subscribers
citizens of West Springfield, Chicopee & Holyoke, that
public convenience and necessity require the estab-
lishment of a new road within the town of West
Springfield, to lead from the westerly end of the Cabot
& West Springfield Bridges in a Northwesterly direction
along and near the Bank of Connecticut River and
terminating in the main road from Northampton
to Springfield at the Ashleville School House,
or between said school house and T. D. Day's
Store building. They therefore request your Hon.
Board to view said route and take the necessary
steps to establish the same as a public highway
May 29. 1851 (Signed) J. M. Pullins & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of
the County Commissioners held for said County
on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the Year of
our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
fifty. At which meeting the Commissioners during a view
of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice

that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at
the Cabot house in Chicopee on Tuesday the twentieth
day of August next at nine o'clock, P.M. and it is
ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of
said petition be served, by the Sheriff of said County
or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of West-
Springfield in said County, thirty days, at least,
before the said twentieth day of August, and that
all other persons and corporations interested therein
be notified by publishing a copy of said petition
and this order thereon, in the Chicopee Telegraph
a public newspaper printed in said County, three
times successively, the last publication to be fourteen
days at least, before the time of said view, and
it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that
copies of said petition, or abstracts containing
the substance thereof, and this order, be posted
up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public
places in the town of West Springfield fourteen
days at least before said twentieth day of August,
and that notice be given in manner aforesaid
to all persons and corporations interested, that the
County Commissioners deem a view of the premises
expedient and proper, and that a view of the
same will be taken by them at the time
and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to this meeting.
And the Sheriff of said County made his return
as follows

Hampden Co. July 20, 1855 - I served the
Town Clerk of W. Springfield with an attested
copy of this petition & order thereon by giving
the same to him & also posted up in two
public places in said town an abstract conta-
ining the substance of said petition

C. Tice Sheriff

And now, the Commissioners make their report
in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co. - At a meeting of the County
Commissioners of the County of Hampden

held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty on the petition of M. Bulling & others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that public convenience & necessity require the establishment of a new road within the Town of West Springfield to lead from the westerly end of the Cabot & West Springfield bridge in a North westerly direction along & near the ^{uninterrupted} bank of Connecticut River, from Northampton to Springfield at the Ashville School house or between said School House & the Day Store Building & praying said Commissioners to view said route & take the necessary steps to establish the same as a public highway as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the twentieth day of August then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Cabot House in said Chicopee as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the Town of West Springfield being the town within which such highway lies the location of which is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said Town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Chicopee Telegraph a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner, as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place of commencing said view.

And on the said twentieth day of August the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises and having viewed

the same. The Commissioners then determined to
 hear the parties at the same time of said bill,
 and having heard the parties, said Commissioners
 then proceeded to consider, and adjudicate upon
 the prayer of said petition, and after considering
 the same, said Commissioners did then and there
 adjudge that common convenience and necessity
 require that the prayer of said petition should not
 be granted.

A. J. Leonard, County
 Melvin Copeland, County
 Wm V. Sessions, County

Which report being read and considered is accepted,
 and the prayer of the petitioners refused and costs
 taxed at \$25.55

Virum Smith Jr & Co are licensed as Retailers
 and sellers of Spirituous liquors for medicinal
 and mechanical purposes only at their Store
 in West Springfield

Licensing

Lovin Palmer is licensed as an Retailer and
 seller of intoxicating liquors for medicinal and
 mechanical purposes only at his store in West
 Springfield

Sundry accounts against the County being now
 presented for allowance amounting to the sum
 of Eight hundred and one dollar and thirty
 cents are allowed &c and ordered to be paid
 out of the County Treasury

Accounts

Franklin Hewell	4.00
John W. Hardy D 1 st Oct, Chaplain Ho Correction	25.00
Stephen Barton	4.50
Abel Pease	52.00
Hopkins Bridgman & Co	22.00
Do	11.50
Rick Bliff	69.65
B Eldridge pay R Bliff	2.59

Morgan & Henderson	12.70
William Ray	8.69
Taylor & Palmer	141.46
William H. Butler	28.88
C. Rice	34.22
Isaac Abbott	17.37
Hopkins Bridgman & Co	13.75
O. B. Morris	12.00
S. C. Barnes	215.59
W. P. Woodgett	7.00
Isaiah Wright	2.50
E. Q. Bangs	28.50
Amasa Parsons	38.44
Leonard Smith	33.17
W. H. Plummer	2.12
W. M. Butler	50
William Rice	16.00
S. B. Kirkham	75
A. Nettleton	1.95
Hanson C. Allen	5.50
Squire S. Ballards	2.97
	<u>\$801.20</u>

Land Damages

The following persons are allowed the following sums set against their names in full for damages for land taken for highways amounting to the sum of one hundred and forty two dollars and the same is ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury

John Baldwin	12.00
Thos. Glover payable to J. Baldwin as per petition	115.00
Elijah Alden	15.00
	<u>\$142.00</u>

order as to
copies of high-
ways

Ordered- that the clerk append to each order sent to the select men in regard to the construction of each highway that may be established altered or specifically repaired, a written or printed note stating that the Commissioners will insist upon a strict compliance with the order. And it is further ordered that when profiles

are taken that such profiles be also appended
to the drawings or accompany the same when
it cannot be conveniently attached.

Hampden Co. November 15th 1888. Judgment
is entered up according to Reports &c and all
matters not acted on are ordered to be continued
and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest Clerk B. B. Clark

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co. - At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun & holden at Springfield within and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December being the twenty fourth day of the month and to the twenty fifth day of said month in the Year of our Lords one thousand eight hundred and fifty and by adjournment on the fifth day of February to the sixth day of said February and by adjournment on the second day of April in the Year of our Lords one thousand eight hundred and fifty one

Present Norman T. Leonard Esq. Chairman
 Melvin Copeland " County
 William V. Sessions " Commissioners

Edwin H. Ball Esq.
 Petitioner for the
 alteration of a
 highway in West
 Springfield

To the County Commissioners for the County of
 Hampden - The undersigned respectfully represents
 to Your Honorable Board that the public highway
 from near the residence of Mr Edwin H. Ball
 and proceeding Westwardly to the Old Post
 House Place, so called, that the road is over-
 Red and narrow, & inconvenient. Wherefore your
 petitioners request Your Board to view the
 premises and to widen, straighten or re-
 locate said road and discontinue such
 parts of the highway as may be superfluous or make
 such alterations and improvements as shall
 appear to Your honor necessary. Also to lay a
 new road commencing at the Old Post House
 Place, so called, and to intersect the line of
 Hampshire County some where between the
 Pine Stump so called and the residence of
 Mr Wm Smith

Includ. Map 13 Dec. 1848. Edwin H. Ball Doctus
 W. Springfield

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of
 the County Commissioners holden for said County
 on the fourth Tuesday of December in the Year of
 our Lords one thousand eight hundred and forty
 Eight, and was continued to the second Tuesday
 of April in the Year of our Lords eighteen hundred and forty nine

at which meeting notice was ordered, but no view was
had thereon, and this petition was continued to the
second Tuesday of April in the Year of our Lord
eighteen hundred and fifty.

at which meeting the Commissioners, deeming a
view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice
that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the
dwelling house of Chester Crafts in Holyoke on Tues-
day the twenty first day of May next, at nine o'clock
A.M. and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a
copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said
County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of
Holyoke in said County thirty days at least, before the
said twenty first day of May and that all persons
and Corporations interested therein be notified, by
publishing a copy of said petition and this order,
thereon, in the Holyoke Times a public newspaper,
printed in said County, three weeks successively, the
last publication to be fourteen days at least before the
time of said view. And it is further ordered by
the Commissioners, that copies of said petition or
abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this
order be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two
public places in the town of Holyoke fourteen days at
least before said 21st day of May, and that notice be given
in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations
interested, that the County Commissioners deem a
view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view
of the same will be taken by them at the time and
place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to
meeting, ^{to this meeting} and the Sheriff of said County made
his return as follows

Hampden S.D. April 20. 1850 - I served the
Town Clerk of Holyoke with an attested copy
of this petition & order thereon by leaving the same
at his last & usual place of abode & also posted
in two public places in S. Town an abstract
containing the substance of S. petition

C. Rice Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in

in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the Year of our Lords eighteen hundred and fifty. On the petition of Edwin H. Ball & others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the public high way from near the residence of Mr Edwin H. Ball & proceeding westerly to the old Post House Place is crooked narrow, inconvenient & praying the Commissioners to view the premises & either straighten or new locate said road & discontinue such parts of the highway, as may be useless or make such alteration & improvement as should appear necessary - Also to lay a road commencing at the old Post House place to intersect the line of Hampshire County somewhere between the Pine stump so called & the residence of Mr Wm Smith as by said petition on file will appear,

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday, the twenty first day of May then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Chester Crafts in Holyoke as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Holyoke being the town within which such highways the alterations & location of which are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Holyoke said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Holyoke Times a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner, as described in the foregoing

notice of the petition to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view; And on said twenty first day of May the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties at that same sundry days, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

A. C. Leonard } County
Melvin Copeland } Commrs
Wm V. Sessions } Henry

which report being read and considered is accepted and the prayer of the petitioners refused and cost taxed a \$25.00

To the County Commissioners for the County of Davis & Richmond
Hampden: The undersigned Citizens of Blundford Petition for an
and Granville in said County respectfully attention in
represent that the public convenience requires alt-highway in
eration in the roads leading from Blundford Granville & Blundford
to Granville in said County commencing
near the house of Curtis Knox in said Blundford
and running thence in a southwest direction and
terminating at the foot of the hill on the road
leading from Blundford to Granville near
Olijah Knox's Crossing in said Blundford.
Another alteration as required, is to commence
near the house of Curtis Thelons running
on the west side of the present road and
intersecting with it near the house of Volney
Stow in Granville. The undersigned there-
fore respectfully request your Honorable Boards
to view said route and make such alterations
as they may think the public convenience requires.
Davis E. Richards & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine at which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of J Lewis in Blanford on Monday the seventeenth day of October next, at ten o'clock A.M. and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerks of the towns of Blanford and Granville in said County, thirty days at least, before the said 17th day of October and that all persons and corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper, printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days before the time of said view, and it is further ordered, by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the towns of Blanford and Granville fourteen days before said 17th day of October and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows

Hampden Ss. Sep 11. 1849 - I served the Town Clerk of Blanford with an attested copy of this petition & order by leaving the same at his dwelling house & also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition on the 12th day of Sep I served the Town Clerk of

Granville with an attached copy of this petition & order
by leaving the same at his dwelling house & also posted
up in two public places in said town an abstract
containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report
in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co. - At a meeting of the County Commissioners
of the County of Hampden held at Springfield, in said
County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the Year
our Lord eighteen hundred and forty nine and
by adjournment on the 21st of August. On the peti-
tion of Davis & Richards and others then presented
to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth
that public convenience requires alterations in the
Road leading from Blandford to Granville in said
County, commencing near the house of Curtis
Knott in said Blandford and running in a
Southwest direction and terminating at the foot
of the hill on the road leading from Blandford
to Granville near Elijah Knott's Crossing. Another
alteration as required is to commence near the house
of Curtis Shelton running on the west side of the
present Road and intersecting with it near the house of
Volney Stone in Granville as by the said petition on
file will appear. The Commissioners, deeming a view
of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the
seventeenth day of October, then next and at 10
o'clock in the forenoon at the house of J Lewis
in Blandford as the time and place for viewing the
premises: and caused a copy of said petition to
be served upon the Clerks of the towns of Blandford
and Granville being the towns within which such
alterations and location is prayed for, thirty days
at least before the time appointed for said view; and
also caused abstracts of said petition containing
the substance thereof, to be posted in two public
places in said towns; and also gave notice to
all persons interested by causing a copy of said
petition to be published three weeks successively

in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published in said County, said printing and the last publication of said copy having been printed days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said seventeenth day of October, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of the view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petition be granted. ^{Ernest Leavett} being sick and unable to attend, ^{Alonzo V. Blanchard} one of the special Commissioners being notified appeared and acted in his stead, and ^{Samuel Root} being interested as a citizen of Granville did not act, and ^{William E. Barnes} one of the special Commissioners being notified appeared and acted in his stead.

John Mc Gray	County
Alonzo V. Blanchard	
William E. Barnes	Special Commissioners

Which report being read and considered was accepted & the road ^{petition} prayed for adjudged of common convenience and necessity. And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty, at which meeting the Commissioners ordered, that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners would meet at the dwelling house of ^{Wm} in Mansfield on Friday the twenty third day of August, next at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of locating said alterations by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon in the Westfield News Letter a public newspaper.

printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty third day of August. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Clerk of the towns of Blandford & Granville with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least, and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said towns of Blandford & Granville fourteen days at least before the said twenty third day of August, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said alterations and will hear all persons and Corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the alteration of said road. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows

Hampden Co. July 17-1850. I served the town Clerk of each of the towns of Blandford & Granville with an attested copy of this petition & order by leaving the same at the dwelling house of each & also posted up in two public places in each of said towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co. - At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the Year of our Lords eighteen hundred and forty nine & by adjournment on the ~~on~~ twenty first day of August in the same Year. On the petition of David C. Richards & others then presented, to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that public convenience requires alteration in the road leading from Blandford to Granville in said County commencing near the house of Curtis Knox in said Blandford & running in a South west direction

& terminating at the foot of the hill in the road
 leading from Blandford to Granville near Olyed Cross
 crossing & that another alteration as required is to com-
 mence near the house of Lucius Shelton running on the
 West side of the present road & intersecting with it near
 the house of Volney Stow in Granville as by said petition
 on file will appear. The Commissioners, deeming a view of
 the premises & judgment appointed Wednesday, the seventeenth
 day of October, then next and ten o'clock in the forenoon,
 at the house of J. Lewis in said Blandford as the time and
 place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition
 to be served upon the Clerks of the towns of Blandford & Granville
 being the towns within which such alterations & location are
 prayed for thirty days at least, before the time appointed for
 said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, contain-
 ing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places
 in said towns: and also gave notice to all persons interested
 by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks
 successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published
 in said County, said posting and last publication of said copy
 having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for
 said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners
 gave notice in like manner, as described in the foregoing notice
 of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place
 for commencing said view. And on the said seventeenth
 day of October, the Commissioners met at the time and place
 appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having
 viewed the same the further consideration thereof was deferred
 till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at
 Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of December then
 next at which meeting the parties were heard, and after
 the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and
 adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after
 considering the same said Commissioners did adjudge
 that the prayer of said petitioners be granted, and after
 adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners thereafter
 viz at their regular meeting held at said Springfield
 within & for said County of Hampden on the fourth
 Tuesday of June in the year eighteen hundred & fifty
 appointed Friday the twenty third day of August
 then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the

house of Nathl. Brinkley in said Blundford at the time
and place when and where they would meet and
proceed to locate said alterations and the said
Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication
and the time and place appointed for locating the
same in the same manner, as the notice and pub-
lication was given and made, and as is by law in
such case made and provided before proceeding
to view, (except publishing an abstract of said
petition instead of a copy thereof) in the Westfield
News Letter a newspaper published in said County
on the said twenty third day of August met and
proceeded to locate said alterations as follows viz
+ Beginning at the Swampkill road leading from
Westfield to Blundford at a point bearing
North eighty four degrees East thirty two feet,
from the North East corner of Capt. H. Knox
Clothes shop & running the center line of
said road on land of Stephen Buxton
South thirty four & three quarters degrees West
Eleven rods & Eighteen links - the first six rods
to be excavated to a grade of five degrees but
no ditch is to be dug on the Southwesterly side
against the buildings of said Buxton, the
rest of the distance is to be a grade of three
degrees by filling up the ravine - A Culvert
is to be constructed over the brook twenty feet
long, the foundation to be plank two inches
thick laid transversely from outside to outside
the abutment walls - The abutment walls to be
five feet high with a space between the abu-
tments, of three feet, the top to be covered with
stone at least five feet long & eight inches
thick. From each end of the culvert, a
bank wall is to be extended as far as the fill-
ing of the ravine is required to give the
proper grade to the road - Then running
South three & a half degrees East five rods
& twelve links to land of Justus H. Knox then
on land of said H. Knox in the same course
fourteen rods & thirteen links - the last eight rods

on this course the grade is not to exceed four degrees then South three & one fourth degree West twenty eight rods. the grade of the road bed of the first twenty rods of this distance is not to exceed three & a half degrees & the residue not to exceed four degrees. On this last course a dry bridge is to be constructed for the passage of Cattle from one lot to another of said Suster. the abutment walls thereof to be twenty feet long & six & half feet high - the space between the walls six feet with suitable excavations at each end for the ingress & egress of Cattle & the bridge so constructed that the top shall not be higher than the grade of the road bed. The sluices on each side of the road bed at a point near the North side of the dry bridge are to be so covered with stone as to give said Suster a convenient cart path across the highway in passing & repassing from one part of his lands to another. Then running South forty five & then quarter degree West forty four rods. This distance passes a swamp which must be filled to the height of three feet - a culvert to pass off the water must be constructed twenty feet long & not less than two feet square in the clear. The foundation to be of two inch plank laid transversely. the sides of stone & to be covered with stone at least five feet long & seven inches thick. South West of the swamp an excavation must be made to reduce the road bed to a level which excavation will be required on the swamp. Then South fifty seven degrees West twenty four rods. in this distance no part of the road bed is to exceed a grade of three degrees. then South forty seven degrees West three rods & fifteen links to land of Elijah H. Nox then on the same course one land of said Elijah ten links then South eighteen & four fifth degrees West twenty four rods - on this course the first ten rods must have an average excavation of two feet which will be carried Southward into the flat so as to make the grade of the road bed two & a quarter degrees - a culvert will also be required to be constructed in the same manner & of like materials with that last above described. then

South twenty one & a quarter degrees East eight rods
then South fifteen & a half degrees East six rods to the
Easterly line of the old turnpike leading from
Blandford to East Granville then in the same
course six rods to the center of said turnpike the
road bed in the two last courses is to be so con-
structed as in no place to exceed three degrees-
Stone monuments are set at the angles on the res-
tudy line of the road & one & a half rods distant
from the center line at road - this road is located
three rods in width - The road bed is to be con-
structed as near the middle as may be except in
the curves is to be at least sixteen feet in width
exclusive of ditches - ample ditches & Culverts are to
be constructed whenever necessary - no mounds
are to be constructed across the road bed & all
trees & stumps are to be thoroughly grubbed
& the same together with all large stone removed
to the outside of the ditches - all of the materials
used in the construction of the road bed bridges
Culverts & sluices will be required to be well adap-
ted to the purposes for which they are used
& all the work to be done in a faithful & substantial
manner & to the acceptance of the Commissioners.
The other abutment is located as follows viz:

Beginning at the old turnpike near the house
of Curtis Phelon in Blandford & running the
center line of said road the same being
four rods in width to Granville line & the residue
thereof three rods on land of said Phelon South
thirty seven degrees & twenty five minutes West
twenty three rods & eighteen links then South six-
teen degrees & thirty minutes West thirteen rods
& six links then South three degrees & thirty
minutes West ten rods - then South sixteen de-
grees East one rod & fifteen links to the line be-
tween the Towns of Blandford & Granville then
in said Granville on the same course South
sixteen degrees East eight rods & eight links
then South nine & a half degrees West twenty
four rods & twenty links - then South thirteen

degrees & a half met twenty six rods & twenty links
 then South five degrees met thirty four rods & ten links
 then South twenty four & a quarter degrees met one rod
 & five links to land of Volney Stone then on land of
 said Stone in the same course six rods & nine links
 then South twenty five & three quarter degrees East
 five rods & twenty one links then South fifty one & a
 quarter degrees East twenty five rods & twenty links
 to the meeting line of the old turnpike aforesaid stone
 monuments are set at the angles in the bearing line
 of the road located Southwesterly of said Shelton

In constructing that part of said road which is located
 in Shandford the following specifications will be observed
 viz- The road bed to be sixteen feet wide exclusive
 of ditches except across the flat or ravine which
 is to be twenty feet wide on the top with suitable
 ditches- the grade of the road not to exceed four
 degrees in any part & no descending grade in going
 Southwesterly. The slopes in the excavation & the over-
 bankments to be one & a half foot base to one foot
 rise- A culvert will be required in the flat or
 ravine twenty six feet long- the bottom to be of
 two inch plank laid transversely- the side walls
 to be three feet high & the space between the
 walls two feet in the clear to be covered with stones
 at least four feet long & seven inches thick- The
 road to be so constructed near the dam & the
 channel of the brook below the saw mill to
 be so altered that no damage will be reasonably
 apprehended to the road from freshets- The
 surface of the road bed to be thoroughly hardened
 & the whole to be finished of materials well adapted
 to the purposes for which they are used & in a sub-
 stantial & workmanlike manner, & to the acceptance
 of the Commissioners & no mound to be constructed
 across the road- The following specifications are
 to be observed in the construction of that part of the
 alteration of the road which lies in Granville
 viz- All trees & stumps are to be thoroughly grubbed
 & the same together with all large stones are to be
 removed from the road bed to the outside of the

ditches - The road bed to be sixteen feet in width exclusive of ditches. Suitable ditches & Culverts are to be provided & constructed to carry off all the water. A culvert will be required a few rods Southwesterly of the Town line twenty six feet long & eighteen inches square in the clear, also another thirty feet long & in other respects of the same size in the ravine North of the woods - each of these culverts to be eighteen inches square in the clear, the bottoms sides & tops to be of stone & another in the woods twenty feet long & ten feet square in the clear - the bottom to be of two inch plank laid transversely the sides of stone & to be covered with stone at least four feet long & seven inches thick - the grade of the road in no place to exceed three & a half degrees & a descending grade in passing Southwesterly - The surface of the road bed to be thoroughly hardened - all the materials used to be well adapted to the purpose & all the work to be done in a substantial & workmanlike manner, & to the acceptance of the Commissioners - All sudden elevations in either of the alterations above described in regards to which no specific provision has been made are to be reduced & the entire road bed whenever it is practicable to be thrown up in good turnpike form & the whole to be completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners on or before the first day of July next. The respective owners of lands over which said road is located are allowed until the fifteenth day of March next to remove their woods & timber, from the same, other than fruit & sugar maple trees which may be standing out of the limits required for the road bed which last mentioned trees are to be allowed to remain during the life of the trees - the old road North of Watson C. Boies North line is not discontinued.

After locating the road as aforesaid we have proceeded to estimate the damages to the several owners of lands over which said road passes as follows viz

To Stephen & Burton Eighty Dollars	80.00
Justin & Knox two hundred & thirty six dollars	236.00

Elijah Knox Fifty Dollars	50.00
Curtis Phelps & brothers Sixty dollars	60.00
Volney Stow Fifty dollars	50.00
	\$160.00

Curtis Knox relinquished his claim to damages

A. C. Leonard

Melvin Copeland

Wm V. Sessions

which report being made and considered it is accepted and the alterations established as per a public highway
 issued by the County Commissioners for the County of
 petition for new roads Hampden. The undersigned, citizens of Springfield
 or alterations of old and Chicopee in said County, respectfully represent
 roads through Plain that the present road leading from near the house
 fields in Springfield of Horatio Sargent, in Springfield through the
 & Chicopee Plainfield, so called, by the house of Lucius M.
 Currier and others to the Cabot roads, so called near
 the Murphy place in Chicopee, is very crooked and
 narrow, and that common convenience and necessity
 require either that a new road should be located
 between those points, intersecting the Cabot road at
 both ends, or that the old road should be so widened,
 straightened and otherwise altered, as to answer the
 same purpose. They therefore pray that You will
 view and locate such new road, or make such
 alterations and improvements in the old one as are
 above suggested, and as you may judge proper.
 August 14 1849 Lucius M. Currier & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of
 the County Commissioners holden for said County
 on the fourth Tuesday of June in the Year of our Lord
 one thousand eight hundred and forty nine at which
 meeting the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises
 expedient, and proper, gave notice that they would
 meet for the purpose of said view, at the Court House
 in Springfield on Tuesday the twenty fifth day
 of September, next, at ten o'clock A.M. and it is
 ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of
 said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County
 or his Deputy, upon the Clerks of the towns of Spr-
 ingfield and Chicopee in said County, thirty days

at least before the said 25th day of September, and that all persons and Corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order therein in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners that copies of said petition or abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy in two public places in the towns of Springfield and Chicopee fourteen days before the said 25th day of September, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of October in the Year of our Lords one thousand Eight hundred and forty nine.

And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows

Worcester S. August 25 (1849) - I served the Town Clerk of each of the towns of Springfield & Chicopee with an attested copy of this petition & order by giving the same to each & also posted up in two public places in each of said towns an abstract containing the substance of D petition

C. Tice Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester S. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Worcester, held at Springfield, in said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the Year of our Lords eighteen hundred and forty nine.

On the petition of Lucius M. Carver, and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that common convenience and necessity

requires that a new road be located on the old road and be
 straightened and otherwise altered from near the house of
 of Horatio Sargent, in Springfield through the Plain
 field so called by the house of Lucius M. Currier and
 others to the Cabot road so called near the Knapp place
 in Chicopee as by said petition on file will appear.
 The Commissioners, during a view of the premises con-
 sidered, appointed Tuesday the twenty first day of September
 then next and at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court
 House in Springfield as the time and place for viewing
 the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served
 upon the Clerks of the towns of Springfield and Chicopee
 being the towns within which such location and alterations
 are prayed for, thirty days at least, before the time appointed
 for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition,
 containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two pub-
 lic places in said towns and also gave notice to all per-
 sons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be
 published three weeks successively in the Springfield
 Republican a newspaper published in said County, said
 posting and the last publication of said copy having been
 fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said
 view; and before said view, such said Commissioners
 gave notice in like manner, as described in the foregoing
 notice of the petition to all persons interested, of the time
 and place for commencing said view.

And on the said twenty first day of September, the Com-
 missioners met at the time and place appointed, and pro-
 ceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the
 Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same
 time of said view; and having heard the parties, said
 Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate
 upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the
 same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge
 that common convenience and necessity require the
 prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Erving Leavitt Chairman of the Board being
 interested as citizen of Chicopee did not act
 and Mr. E. Barnes one of the Special
 Commissioners being notified appeared and
 acted in his stead.

John Mc Gray } County
Samuel Root } Commissioners
William O'Barnes } Special Commissioner

which report being read and considered was accepted and the alterations suggested for adjudged of common or convenient and necessity.

At which meeting a notice to locate was ordered but no proceedings had under the same.

And this petition was continued to a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of April in the year of our Lords one thousand eight hundred and fifty. at which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners would meet at the Court House in Springfield on Thursday the thirteenth day of June next at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of locating said roads or alterations by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order therein, in the Hampden Post a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the said 13th day of June. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerks of the town of Chicopee & Springfield with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least, and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said towns of Chicopee & Springfield fourteen days at least, before the said 13th day of June, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to establish said roads or alterations and will hear all persons and Corporations interested therein who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said roads or alterations, and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows

Hampden Co. May 3 1858 I served the town clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of this petition & order by giving the same to him - on the 6th day of 3 May I served the town clerk of Chicopee with an attested copy of this petition & order by giving the same to him & also posted up in two public places in each of said towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. H. Sheriff

and the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty nine - on the petition of Lucius M. Carney & others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the present road leading from near the house of Horatio Degeant, in Springfield through the plain fields so called by the house of Lucius M. Carney & others to the Cabot road so called near the Murphy place in Chicopee is very crooked & narrow & that common convenience & necessity require either that a new road should be located between those points, intersecting the Cabot road at both ends or that the old road should be so widened straightened & otherwise altered as to answer the same purpose & praying the Commissioners to view & locate such new roads or make such alterations & improvements in the old one as above suggested as the Commissioners might deem proper as of said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the twenty fifth day of September, then next and ten o'clock in the forenoon at the Court Room in Springfield as the time and place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerks of the towns of Springfield & Chicopee being the towns within which such alterations is prayed for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused

abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in each of the said towns; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican or newspaper published in said County, said posting and last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view, moreover, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner, as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said 25th day of September, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petitioners be granted and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Thursday the thirteenth day of June in the Year eighteen hundred and fifty and two o'clock in the afternoon at the Court House in said Springfield as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate said road or alterations and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for said location in the same manner, as the notice and publication was given and made, and as by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said thirteenth day of June met and proceeded to hear all persons & corporations who desired to be heard upon the questions of location & of the damages sustained by any

person or corporation occasioned thereby & thereafter
 proceeded to locate the same alterations in said high-
 way as follows By Beginning in William Pynchon's
 lot on the Northwesterly side of a new road about to be
 opened by said Pynchon & Horatio Sargent, at a stone
 then running the westerly line of said highway North
 fifty four degrees & fifty minutes West twenty one rods &
 sixteen links to the Northwesterly Post in William Pynchon's
 door yard then North sixty & three quarter degrees West
 eight rods then North sixty three degrees & forty
 minutes West eight rods then North sixty six degrees
 & thirty five minutes West eight rods then North
 sixty nine degrees & half West eight rods then North
 seventy two degrees & twenty five minutes West eight
 rods then North seventy five degrees & twenty minutes
 West eight rods then North eighty & a quarter West seven
 rods & two links to the Easterly line of the Connecticut
 River Rail Road - then North eighty one & a quarter
 degrees West seven rods & twenty links across the Con-
 necticut River Rail Road to a stone in Horatio
 Sargent's lot then North thirty five & a quarter de-
 grees West forty four rods across lands of Horatio
 Sargent & Elisha Bliss to a stone on Walter Stebbins
 land then North twenty six & a half degrees West
 one hundred & twenty six rods & six links on
 lands of said Walter Daniel Lombard & Gains Bliss
 to a stone on Lucius M. Canis's lands then North
 fourteen degrees West one hundred & sixty four
 rods & eleven links across lands of said Lucius M. William
 Pynchon George Stebbins James Parker & S. Howe
 Canis to a stone near the Southerly line of Edwin
 Spooner's lands then North five degrees & twenty five
 minutes West seventeen rods & two links to the
 line between the towns of Springfield & Chicopee
 then on the same course six rods & thirteen links
 to a stone near the Southerly line of David Cole's
 lands then on said Cole North thirty five degrees &
 fifteen minutes East fifty one rods & two links to
 lands of Seth Stebbins. The highway to this point is
 located three rods in width then on said Stebbins
 Southerly line South eighty four degrees & ten minutes

Next sixteen links to a stone on the bank of the river
then North thirty one & a quarter degrees East fifty eight
rods & ten links as of lands of said Stedins & Along
Wait, to a stone - The highway is located on the East
corner & distance four rods in width then North
seventy eight & a quarter degrees East, seven rods &
ten links to a stone in the westerly line of the road
leading from Springfield to Cabotville this last distance
the highway is laid three rods in width & crossing
lands of Along Wait & Epaphrodites Allen & lands
occupied by the Connecticut River Rail Road.
The following directions are to be observed in the con-
struction of the road viz: all trees & stumps are
to be thoroughly grubbed & removed from the road
bed which is to be thoroughly tamped & the travel
bed path is to be made at least, eighteen feet in
width exclusive of ditches - suitable ditches & sluices
are to be constructed to convey off the water - A Stone
Culvert will be required over Garden or North end
Brook to be twenty seven feet in length, the foundation
to be of three inch plank laid transversely & to be cleared
four feet long the abutment walls to be three feet high & two
feet thick & to be six feet six inches in the clear, a
semi circular arch seven feet span to be placed on
the abutments, the walls to ^{be} one foot thick & no stone
put in the arch that beds less than one foot the joints
of the ring stone to be cut; suitable parapets & wings
are to be constructed to protect the embankment -
The whole masonry work is to be laid in water lime ce-
ment - Over the Culvert & across the flat on each
side thereof an embankment is to be raised one
foot higher than the highest flood mark in eight
ten & forty three - The embankment to be at least
eighteen feet in width on the top with slopes
of one & a half feet base to one foot rise - an
embankment will also be required across the
ravine near the house of George Stedins one foot
higher than the highest water mark of the same
width & slopes as that above mentioned, substantial
railings is to be constructed upon sides of the em-
bankments - All the materials used are to be of

good quality & well adapted to the purposes for which they are used. All the work is to be performed in a thorough substantial & workmanlike manner & to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the tenth day of June next. The several owners of lands over which the said highway is altered is located are allowed until the first day of May next to remove their wood timber & staves therefrom.

Having located the road as aforesaid & having further heard all persons who desired to be heard upon the question of damages the matter of ^{damages} was reserved by the Commissioners for further consideration until the second day of April 1857 when said Commissioners proceeded to estimate the damages occasioned by the alteration of the location of said highway as follows Viz:

To Alonzo Wait one hundred & seventy five dollars	\$175.00
Edwin Spooner fifty Dollars	50.00
Daniel Lombard two hundred & twenty three dollars	223.00
Daniel Gale twenty three dollars & thirteen cents	23.13
	\$521.13

Attest Stebbins S. H. Damon James Foster George Stebbins William Dynahon Lucius M. Canis Horatio Sargent Epaphroditus Allen & B. Stebbins Eliza Bliss & Almira Bliss released their damages. No other persons or corporations appeared to claim damages & no other sustained any in the judgment of the Commissioners.

A. J. Leonard County
Wm V. Sessions Commissioners
Melvin Copeland

which report being read and considered is accepted and the alterations in the road established as and for a public highway.

Attest Onsbrown val To the County Commissioners for the County
Petition for alteration of Hampshire. The undersigned citizens of
of highway from Blandford in said County respectfully re-
ports to E. Farnville - sent, that the public convenience requires an
from Blandford to alteration in the road leading from Blandford
near Farnville.

to East Granville, in said County, commencing near
the house of David Boice in said Blandford, and
running thence in a southeasterly direction, and termin-
ating near the North east corner of Potter Osborns
Pulmonary lot, so called. The undersigned also ~~rep-~~
represent, that the public convenience requires alter-
ations in the road leading from said Blandford
to West Granville, in said County, commencing
near the house of Thomas Curick in said
Blandford, and running thence in a North
easterly direction, intersecting in the most
convenient place, with the above petitioned alt-
eration in the road leading from Blandford
to East Granville. Also another alteration on
the same road, commencing near the house of
Potter, Collocoway, and running thence on the west
side of the present road, in a North westerly direction,
near the house of Eli Osborn, and terminating
near the intersection of the Mill and West
Granville roads. The undersigned therefore respec-
tfully request your Hon. Boards to view said route
and make such alterations as they may think
the public convenience requiring.

Blandford Oct 11. 1849 Eli Osborn & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting
of the County Commissioners holden for said County
on the first Tuesday of October, in the Year of our
Lords one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine
at which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view
of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice
that they would meet for the purpose of said view,
at the dwelling house of John Lewis in Bland-
ford on Tuesday the fourth day of December next
at ten o'clock A.M., and it is ordered by the County
Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served
upon by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy
upon the Clerk of the town of Blandford in said
County, thirty days at least before the said fourth
day of December and that all ^{the} persons and cor-
porations interested therein be notified by

publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County three weeks successively the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view; and it is further ordered by the Commissioners that copies of said petition or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy in two public places in the town of Blandford fourteen days before said 14th day of December, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in Year of our Lords one thousand eight hundred and forty nine. And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Hampden Sh. Oct 30th 1849 I served the Town Clerk of Blandford with an attested copy of this petition & order by giving the same to him & also posted in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of D petition more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

C. F. Rice Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Sh. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden held at Springfield in said County, on the first Tuesday of October in the Year of our Lords eight hundred and forty nine and by adjournment on the 23 of said month. On the petition of Eli Osborn and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that public convenience requires an alteration in the road leading from Blandford to East Granville, commencing near the house of David Boice in said Blandford

and running in a South easterly direction and terminating near the South east corner of John Osborns Hallway lot so called. Also that alterations are required in the road leading from said Blandford to West Granville commencing near the house of Thomas Kinnick in said Blandford and running thence in a North easterly direction intersecting in the most convenient place with the above petitioned alteration in the Road leading from Blandford to East Granville. Also another alteration commencing near the house of Potter Holloway and running on the West side of the present Road in a North westerly direction near the house of Eli Osborn terminating near the intersection of the Mill and West Granville Roads as by the said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Tuesday the fourth day of December then next and at 10 O'clock in the forenoon at the house of John Lewis in Blandford as the time and place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Blandford being the town within which such alterations and locations are prayed for. thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused a abstract of said petition containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view; and on the said fourth day of December the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises

and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the summit of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of the petitioners be granted so far as relates to the alteration near the house of Eli Osborn.

Banning Leavitt	County
Samuel Root	Commis
John Mc Gray	sioners

which report being read and considered was accepted and the roads or alterations prayed for adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

And this petition was continued to a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners would meet at Noble Hotel in Blundford on Wednesday the sixth day of November next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of locating said alterations by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order therein in the Westfield News Letter, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said sixth day of November.

And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of Blundford with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least and post up abstract containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Blundford fourteen days at least before the said sixth day of November at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said

alterations and would hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and allow such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said alterations
And this petition was continued to this meeting
And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows
Hampden Co. Oct. 4. 1850

I served the Town Clerk of Blundford with an attested copy of this petition & order by leaving the same at his dwelling house & also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Tice Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the first Tuesday of October, in the Year of our Lords eighteen hundred and forty nine - On the petition of Eli Osborn & others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the public convenience requires an alteration in the road leading from Blundford to East Granville commencing near the house of David Poise in said Blundford & running thence in a South Easterly direction & terminating near the North East corner of Porter Osborns Potters lot so called & also alterations in the road from said Blundford to West Granville in said County commencing near the house of Thomas Hewitt in said Blundford & running thence in a North Easterly direction intersecting in the most convenient place with the above petitioners alteration in the road leading from Blundford to Granville - Also another alteration in the same road commencing near the house of Potter Holloway & running thence on the west side of the present road in a North

mostly direction near the house of Eli Osborn &
 terminating near the intersection of the Mill & West
 Granville roads as by said petition on file will appear.
 The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises
 expedient, appointed Tuesday, the fourth day of December
 then next and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the house
 of John Lewis in Blanford as the time and place for
 viewing the premises: and caused a copy of said petition
 to be served upon the clerk of the town of Blanford
 being the town within which such highway lies, the alter-
 ations of which is prayed for, thirty days at least before the
 time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts
 of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be
 posted in two public places in said town: and also
 gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said
 petition to be published three weeks successively in the Spring-
 field Republican, a news paper published in said
 County, said posting and the last publication of said
 copy having been fourteen days at least before the time
 appointed for said view, and before said view was had.
 said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as
 described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all
 persons interested, of the time and place for commencing
 said view. And on the said fourth day of December
 the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed
 and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed
 the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred
 till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held
 at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of Decem-
 ber then next at which meeting the parties were heard,
 and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded
 to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said
 petition, and after considering the same, said
 Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of said
 petition be granted so far as relates to the alterations
 near the house of Eli Osborn & after adjudicating
 as aforesaid said Commissioners at their regular meeting
 held on the first Tuesday of October in the Year Eighteen
 hundred & fifty at Springfield within for said County
 appointed Wednesday the sixth day of November then
 next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at

Met at said Blandford at the time and place then
and where they would meet and proceed to locate
said alterations and the said Commissioners having
given notice of the adjudication and the time and place
appointed for locating said alterations in the same
manner as the notice and publication was given and
made and as is by law in such case made and
provided, before proceeding to view, except publish-
ing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof
in the Westfield News Letter a public newspaper print-
ed in said County on the said sixth day of November
met and proceeded to locate said alteration as follows
viz Beginning at a stone standing Northerly of
the dwelling house of Potter Holloway & running the
westerly line of said road on land of said Holloway
North twenty & three quarters degrees West twenty
three rods & seventeen links to a stone then
North five & a quarter degrees West thirteen rods
& three links to a stone then North five & a quarter
degrees East eighteen rods & nine links to the
centre of a rock marked then North fifteen
degrees & ten minutes East ten links to land
of Eli H. Osborn then on land of said Eli
in the same course nineteen rods & eighteen
links to a stone near the South East corner
of said Eli's Garden then North four degrees
& thirty five minutes West thirty four rods &
eighteen links to a stone, this last course runs
by & parallel with said Osborn's dwelling
house & twelve feet Easterly of the same then
North nine & a half degrees West fourteen rods
& eleven links to a stone then North eight & a
half degrees East ten rods & five links to a
stone near the Swamp then North fourteen
& three quarters degrees East thirty rods & eleven
links across the Swamp to a hemlock tree
standing near the southerly line of the old road
leading from Blandford meeting house to
Beach Hill. The following directions are
to be observed in the construction. The road
beds to be constructed sixteen feet wide

exclusive of ditches with suitable ditches on the sides & culverts to carry off the water. All stumps trees & roots to be grubbed & the same together with all large stone be removed outside of the ditches - In said Osborn orchard near a double apple tree an excavation will be required of about two & a half feet in depth & running such way from said apple tree in the line of said road bed sixty feet to which point the excavation will run out some excavation will be required at the south end of said Osborn pasture so as to reduce the grade to the swamp to four degrees. The excavation to be carried on to the road in the swamp - In the swamp a bridge will be required eighteen feet long the opening to be not less than four feet wide & two & a half feet high in the clear. The entire road when it can be done is to be thrown up into turnpike shape - all the materials used to be well adapted to the purpose & all the work to be done in a thorough & substantial manner, & to the acceptance of the Commissioners on or before the first day of July next - all timber & trees except fruit trees not growing upon the road bed (which is to be constructed in the middle of the location except at the angles) are to be removed on or before the first day of March next. To which time an allowance is made to the owners of lands over which said road passes to remove the same. We have then proceeded to estimate the damages occasioned by the location of said road as follows viz - Fetter Holloway fifty dollars. John Osborn & Eli H. Osborn release all claim to damage & no other person or corporations in our judgment sustained any damages by the location of said road.

A. J. Leonard

Melvin Copeland

Wm V. Sessions

Which report being read and considered is accepted & the road and alterations established as and for a public highway.

For acceptance of the road see p. 152

Justus Seal & others

At the County Commissioners for the County of
Hampden. The petition of Bessie Anderson & Aca
Howlett of Stafford & others humbly shew that it is necessary
that a road be altered & laid out running from Stafford to Springfield leaving the great hill
where the road now runs on the right which
is and ever has been dangerous to travel over.
An alteration is necessary to be made for public
necessity & convenience. We therefore pray Your
gentlemen to examine and lay a road be-
ginning not far north west of Aca Howlett's
house in Stafford running a north westerly
course beginning in the edge of Monson &
running to a hollow near a brook which runs
a north westerly course on land owned by Marcus
Beck being in Wilbraham, running on to the
farm formerly owned by Joseph Morris de-
ceased. In duty bound shall ever pray
Stafford January 1. 1851 Justus Seal & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meet-
ing of the County Commissioners holden for said
County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the
Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and forty nine: and this petition was continued
to a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for
said County on the second Tuesday of April in
the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and
fifty. At which meeting the Commissioners, deem-
ing of the premises expedient and proper, gave
notice that they would meet for the purpose of
said view at the dwelling house of S. C. Spel-
man in Wilbraham on Tuesday the fourth
day of June next, at nine o'clock A.M. and it
is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy
of said petition be served by the Sheriff of
said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerks of
Towns of Monson & Wilbraham in said County,
thirty days at least, before the said fourth day of
June and that all persons and corporations inter-
ested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of

said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the towns of Monson & Wilbraham fourteen days before said fourth day of June and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same ^{under} be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty, and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows

Wampden Sd April 26. 1853 I caused the town clerk of each of the towns of Monson & Wilbraham to be served with an attested copy of this petition & order by leaving the same at the dwelling house of each & posted up in two public places in each of said towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Tice Sheriff

At which meeting the the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Wampden Sd. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Wampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty. On the petition of Justus Pease & others then presented to said Commissioners representing and setting forth that it is necessary that a road be altered & laid out, running from Stafford to Springfield leaving the great hill where the road now runs on the right, which is & ever has been dangerous to travel over, and

attention is necessary to be made for public necessity
& convenience & praying the Commissioners to examine
that a road beginning not far North West of Asa
Howlets house in Stafford running North West
Course beginning in the edge of Monson & running to a
hollow near a brook which runs a north westerly course
on lands owned by Marcus Reber being in Milbriham
running on the farm formerly owned by Joseph Morris
deceased as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises
expediently appointed Tuesday, the fourth day of June
then next and nine o'clock in the fore noon, at the
house of S. C. Spelman in Milbriham as the time
and place for viewing the premises; and caused
a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk
of the town of Monson & Milbriham being the towns
within which such highway the alteration of which
is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time app-
ointed for said view; and also caused a abstract
of said petition, containing the substance thereof
to be posted in two public places in each of said
towns and also gave notice to all persons interested
by causing a copy of said petition to be published
three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican
a newspaper published in said County, said
posting and the last publication of said copy
having been finished days at least before the time
appointed for said view; and before said view
was had, said Commissioners gave notice in
like manner as described in the foregoing notice
of the petition, to all persons interested, of the
time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said fourth day of June the Com-
missioners met at the time and place appointed
and proceeded to view the premises, and having
viewed the same heard them further at their regular
meeting in June & October, in said Year the Com-
missioners then determined to hear the parties at
the same time of said view; and having heard
the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to
consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said

petition; and after considering the same said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition be granted in part & that a new highway be located from a butternut tree in Milbraham & then running to the hollow mentioned & along near the brook to intersect with the old road at the foot of the hill William O'Sessions Esq, one of the Commissioners residing in said Milbraham being by law disqualified from acting the other members of the board gave notice to Oliver Bates Esq, one of the Special Commissioners who appeared & acted in his stead

W. O. Sessions

Melvin Copeland

Oliver Bates

Commissioners

Special Comr

Which report being read and considered was accepted and the alterations prayed for adjudged of common convenience & necessity at which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners would meet at the dwelling house of John Ormsby in Milbraham on Thursday the fourteenth day of November next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said highway by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said fourteenth day of November, and it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy serve the Clerk of the town of Milbraham with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Milbraham fourteen days at least before the said fourteenth day of November at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to locate said highway and would hear all persons and corporations interested therein who may then and there desire to be heard, and allow such

damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said roads, and this petition was continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows.

Hampden Co. Oct. 5. 1852 - I served the Town Clerk of Milbrahan with an attested copy of this petition & order thereon by leaving the same at his dwelling house & also posted up in two public places in P Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than 14 days before the time of said meeting.

C. Rice Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co. - At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the Year of our Lords eighteen hundred and fifty. On the petition of Justus Deane & others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that it is necessary that a road be altered & laid out running from Stafford to Springfield, leaving the great hill where the road now runs on the right which is & ever has been dangerous to travel over - That an alteration is necessary & praying the Commissioners to examine & lay a road not far North West of Asa Howells house in Stafford running a North Westly course, beginning in the edge of Monson & running to a hollow near a brook which runs North Westly course on lands occupied by Marcus Beebe being in Milbrahan & running on to the farm formerly owned by Joseph Morris deceased as by the said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the fourth day of June then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of S. C. Spelman in

Wilbraham as the time and place for viewing the
 premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be
 served upon the Clerks of the Towns of Wilbraham
 & Monroeville being the towns within which said high-
 way lies the location of which is prayed for thirty
 days at least before the time appointed for said view;
 and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing
 the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places
 in each of the said towns; and also gave notice to
 all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition
 to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield
 Republican a newspaper published in said County,
 said posting and the last publication of said copy
 having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed
 for said view; and before said view was had, said Com-
 missioners gave notice in like manner as described in
 the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested
 of the time and place for commencing said view.
 And on the said fourth day of June the Commissioners
 met at the time and place appointed, proceeded to view
 the premises, and having viewed the same the further
 consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular
 meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid
 on the fourth Tuesday of June then next & on the first
 Tuesday of October then next at which meetings the parties
 were heard, and after the hearing said Commissioners
 proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of
 said petition, and after considering the same said
 Commissioners did adjudge that Common Convenience
 & necessity require that the prayer of said petition be granted
 in part & that a new highway be located from a buttment
 tree in Wilbraham & then running to the hollow mentioned
 & along near the brook to intersect with the old road at
 the foot of the hill and after adjudicating as aforesaid
 said Commissioners appointed Thursday the fourteenth day
 of November then next and ten o'clock in the forenoon
 at the house of John Ormby in said Wilbraham as
 the time and place when and where they would meet
 and proceed to locate said highway and the said
 Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication
 and the time and place appointed for locating in the

same manner as the notice and publication was given
and made, and as is by law in such case made and
provided. before proceeding to run (except publishing
an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof)
on the said fourteenth day of November met and
proceeded to locate said highway as follows viz
Commencing at a stone monument set in the
ground on the southeasterly side of the Jay hollow
road by lands of Lucius Beebe, Sylvia Beebe
& Luther & Abigail Cotton then running South
thirty nine & three quarter degrees West twelve
rods to a rock marked T. then South twenty
& half degrees West twenty rods to a stone mon-
ument on or near Marcus Beebe's line then
South two degrees East six rods to a stone
monument, then South thirty five degrees
West six rods & eighteen links to a rock marked
T. five feet Northerly of a walnut tree - the grade
on this course not to exceed five degrees & all
the preceding courses not to exceed four & a half
degrees. Then South six & a half degrees West
five rods to a rock marked T. then South twenty
one & a half degrees West five rods & six links
to a chestnut tree marked, then South nine
& a half degrees West sixteen rods & seven
links to a hemlock tree marked, then South
seventeen degrees East six & a half rods to a
rock marked T. - the four last courses to be
graded so as not to exceed four degrees. Then
South twenty six & a half degrees East to a
rock with a small hemlock tree upon it - Then
South twenty two & a quarter degrees East six
rods & sixteen links to a hemlock tree marked
The two last courses to be graded so as not to
exceed five degrees & on that first of the two
last above mentioned courses a bridge is to be
constructed six feet in width inside of the
walls & not less than five & a half feet high mak-
ing a clear water course not less than six by
five & a half feet - The abutments to be of stone.
Then South five degrees East five rods & seventeen

links to a hemlock tree marked with stone around it then again crossing a brook. South thirty two degrees East eight rods to a rock marked No. On this corner a bridge is to be constructed of the same description of that first mentioned - at the point where the bridge first mentioned is to be constructed the channel of the brook is to be changed turning it more Easterly so as to render its corner nearly at a right angle with the road bed - Then South twenty one degrees East ten rods to a hemlock tree marked - Then South twenty six & a quarter degrees East thirty two rods to a rock marked No. near Asa L. Howells line then on said Howells land South fifty one degrees East nineteen rods & five links to a butternut tree marked on the westerly side of the old highway. The line is the right hand or westerly line of the highway as laid out & is in length one hundred & ninety nine rods & two links & is laid three rods in width. In its construction all sudden elevations are to be reduced & the grade is to be uniform between the angular points of the line. The road is to be so thrown up that the waters shall fall into the ditches on either side without mounds all necessary sluices - are to be constructed of stone. The traveled path is to be sixteen feet in width exclusive of ditches a substantial railing is to be constructed wherever it may be necessary. All the materials used in the construction of the road sluices & bridges are to be adapted to the purposes for which they are appropriated - all the work is to be ~~done~~ performed in a substantial faithful & thorough manner & to be completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners on or before the first day of September, next -

The respective owners of lands over which said highway is located are allowed until the fifteenth day of March next to take off their wood, timber & trees. Marcus Dube & Asa L. Howells expressly relinquished all claims to damages - no person appeared to claim damages & no person whatever in our judgment sustained any damages occasioned by the location of said

highway. William Parsons Esq, being resident in
said Miltonabow within which town said road lies
notice was given by the other members of the Board
to Oliver Bates Esq, one of the Special Commis-
sioners who appeared & acted in his stead in
the board.

A. T. Leonard } County
Melvin Copeland } Commissioners
Oliver Bates } Special

which report being read and considered is
accepted and the road established as and
for a public highway.

For acceptance of the road see
8th Dec 1849

To the Hon. Board of County Commissioners for William Chapin
the County of Hampden. } other Petition

The undersigned respectfully represent that said for a jury to
County Commissioners at their meeting held on assess damages
the twenty sixth day of September A.D. 1849
located and established a road or highway
over and across the lands of the undersigned
upon the petition of Otis Goodman and others
presented to said County Commissioners on the
second Tuesday of April A.D. 1849 all of said lands
being situate in the town of Chicopee in
said County and that pursuant to said pe-
tition said Commissioners have proceeded
to locate said road and estimate the damages
occasioned to the undersigned by said location
the report of which estimate and location was
returned and accepted by said Commissioners
at their meeting held on the first Tuesday of
October A.D. 1849 and by adjournment on the
fourth Tuesday of said October and now the
undersigned feeling aggrieved by the doings
of said Commissioners in their estimate of dam-
ages respectfully ask that a jury may be sum-
moned to view the premises and assess
the damages occasioned by said location
according to the provisions of law.

Chicopee March 20, 1850 William Chapin & others

This petition was introduced at the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty nine and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and now the Road having been discontinued It is ordered that this petition be dismissed

Edward Parsons & the County Commissioners for the County of
 Votues Petition. Hampden. The undersigned would respectfully
 for highway in request that your Hon. Board would view and
 West Springfield lay a road commencing at or near a stake and stone
 in the highway near the dwelling house of Leaback
 Brewster in West Springfield, thence running N. 69°
 W. in the old road and across lands of the heirs of Robert
 Ashby and Henry Kent, 36 rods thence N. 85° W. on
 lands of said Kent about 42 rods thence S. 85° 45"
 W. on lands of said Kent and lands of the Agawam
 Canal Company about one hundred and four
 rods to the west end of the Suffield Block, so called
 at Agawam Falls Village and thirty five feet in front
 of said Block, or to make such alterations on the
 old road leading from Stakes and Stones up and
 Hill to the Westfield Road as in the judgment of
 your Board shall seem best for the public good.
 West Springfield Oct. 20, 1852

Edward Parsons & al

The foregoing petition was introduced at a meeting
 of the County Commissioners holden for said County
 on the second Tuesday of April in the Year of
 our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty.
 At which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view
 of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice
 that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the
 Store of Reuben Palmer, in West Springfield on Tuesday
 the eighteenth day of June next, at nine o'clock A.M.
 and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a
 copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said
 County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the Town of
 West Springfield in said County, thirty days at least

Upon the said 18th day of June and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view, and it is further ordered by the Commissioners that copies of said petition or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy in two public places in the town of West Springfield fourteen days before said 18th day of June and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid and this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty. And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows -

Hampden S.S. May 7th 1850 I served the Town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of this petition & order by leaving the same at his dwelling house & posted up in two public places in S^d town an abstract containing the substance of S^d petition

C. Tice Sheriff

at which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden S.S. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden held at Springfield in said County on the second Tuesday of April in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty. On the petition of Edwards Parsons & others there presented to said Commissioners representing

and setting forth that they desire a ~~new~~ new road to be laid commencing at or near a Stake & Stones in the highway near the dwelling house of Gadsett Brewster in West Springfield thence running N. 69° W. in the old road & across land of the heirs of Deborah Ashler & Henry Kent, 26 rods then north 82° W. on land of said Kent, about 112 rods then S. 83° 45" W. on land of said Kent & land of the Agawam Canal Company about one hundred & four rods to the west end of the Suffield block so called - or to make such alterations on the old road leading from said Stake & Stones up sand hill to the Westfield road as shall seem best for the public good as by the said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners, during a view of the premises expediently appointed Tuesday the eighteenth day of June then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the store of Amos Palmer in said West Springfield as the time and place for viewing the premises: and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of West Springfield being the town within which such road the location or alteration of which is prayed for is situated, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Republican a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said eighteenth day of June the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudge

upon the prayer of said petition and after consid-
ering the same, said Commissioners did then and
there adjudge that common convenience and
necessity require that alterations should be made
in said old roads as prayed for in the last par-
agraph of said petition.

A. J. Leonard

Melvin Copeland

Wm. V. Sessions

Commissioners

Which report being read and considered was
accepted and the alterations prayed for adjudge-
d of common convenience and necessity.
At which meeting the Commissioners ordered, that
notice be given to all persons and corporations
interested therein, that said Commissioners
would meet at Reuben Palmers Store in West
Springfield on Thursday the fifth day of
September, next at nine o'clock in the fore-
noon, for the purpose of locating said alter-
ations by publishing an abstract of said
petition and this order thereon, in the
Springfield Republican a public newspaper
published in said County, three weeks suc-
cessively, the last publication to be fourteen days at
least before the said fifth day of September,
and it is further ordered by the County
Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said
County, or his Deputy, serve the clerk of
the town of West Springfield with a copy
of said petition and this order, thirty days
at least - and post up abstracts containing
the substance thereof in two public places
in said town of West Springfield fourteen
days at least before the said fifth day of
September, at which time the said com-
missioners would proceed to locate said
alterations and would hear all persons
and corporations interested therein, who may
then and there desire to be heard, and of
such damages as in their opinion may be
just and proper by the reason of the alteration.

of said road. And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows

Hampden Co. July 20-1850 I served the Iron Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of this petition & order thereon by giving the same to him & also posted in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the Year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty. On the petition of Edwards Parsons & others then presented to said Commissioners representing and setting forth that they desire a new road to be laid out, commencing at or near a Stake & Stone in the highway near the dwelling house of Leacock Baseworth in West Springfield thence running N. 69° W. in the old road & across lands of the heirs of Pelatiah Ashley & Henry Kent, 26 rods then North 53° W. on lands of said Kent about 42 rods then S. 53° 45" W. on lands of said Kent, & lands of the Uxbridge Canal Company about one hundred & four rods to the west side of the Springfield block so called or to make such alterations on the old road leading from said Stake & Stone up Sand hill to the Westfield road as shall seem best for the public good as by the said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday, the eighteenth day of June then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Store of Rubin Palmer in West Springfield as the time and place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the

Clerk of the town of West Springfield being the town within which such road lies the location, ^{or affixing} of which is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Republican a news ^{paper} published in said county, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said eighteenth day of June the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of the same June at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same said Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience & necessity require that alterations should be made in said old road as prayed for in the last paragraph of said petition and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed the fifth day of September, then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Store of Reuben Palmer in said West Springfield as the time and place where and where they would meet and proceed to locate said alterations and the said Commissioners having given notice

of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for locating said alterations in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made and as is to be done in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said fifth day of September met and proceeded to hear all persons & corporations interested in said location & in the question of damages occasioned by said location & the location thereof was then commenced & was reserved for further consideration by said Commissioners from meeting to meeting as prescribed by law until the first Tuesday of April in the Year of eighteen hundred & fifty one when the Commissioners proceeded to locate the alterations in said highway as follows Viz

1. Beginning at a stone on the top of the hill standing in the fence on the line of the old road running on the North easterly line North fifty nine & a half degrees West six rods & thirteen links across land of Gadock Basworth to a stone then North forty four & a half degrees West fifty seven rods to the southerly line of the road leading from West Springfield to West field to a stone; then running on the southerly line of said last mentioned road South eighty eight & a half degrees West twelve rods to a stone being the North western boundary of the highway which is now to be altered; then running the Southwesterly line of said highway South forty four degrees East forty nine rods & thirteen links to a stone; then North forty six degrees East four rods & twelve links to a stone; then South forty eight & a quarter degrees East twenty seven rods & twenty two links to a buttonball tree standing in the ditch; then South twenty five degrees East eleven rods & fifteen links to a post in the North corner of lands belonging to the heirs of Pelatiah Whaley - No person or corporation claim any damages for the alteration in said highway & in the judgment of the Commissioners none are sustained.

The following directions are to be observed in the construction of the road as altered - Viz - The hill is to be graded beginning at a stake a few rods Northwesterly

of the top of the hill & extending the same to the stake & stones mentioned in the petition aforesaid of the said Edward Parsons & others so as not to exceed six degrees. The excavation on the road bed to be twenty five feet wide including the ditches. The embankment to be thirty feet wide on the top near where the excavation terminates & to increase in width to the foot of the hill so as to make an easy passage on to the roads leading therefrom. The road bed to be harden'd with some suitable material to the depth of at least five inches. The slopes in the excavation & embankment to be one & a half foot base to one foot rise. Suitable & substantial railing must be placed near the slopes in the embankment. From the top of the hill to the road leading to Westfield the road bed is to be twenty five feet wide exclusive of ditches & is to be thrown up in good turnpike shape. Ditches will be required at the top of the hill so as to pass the water Northw'd a large mound will be required across the road bed at the top of the hill so as to prevent as far as possible any water running down the hill in the roads. a Stone sluice will also be required to pass the water from the westerly side of the road bed Northw'd of the mounds. all the work is to be performed in a good substantial & workmanlike manner and to the acceptance of the Commissioners, on or before the tenth day of August next. The owners of lands are allowed untill the first day of June next to remove their wood trees & timber therefrom

W. J. Leonard	} County	
Wm. V. Sessions		Commissioners
Melvin Copeland		Surveyors

Which report being read and considered is accepted and the alterations in the road established as and for a public highway

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Jonas Paumenter of Hampden - The undersigned citizens of Chester
other petitioners in the County of Hampden respectfully represent that
for discontinuance the last Board of County Commissioners for this County
or alteration in located on the petition of S. B. Elder & others a high
highway in - may leading from or near Chester Factories to the old
Chester County road, leading from Chester to Middelfield that
three other and different routes between the same
termina are thought to be preferable to the road
located, and are desired by different persons in
Chester, that at a town meeting of the Inhabitants
of Chester legally called for that purpose, and holden
on May 26, 1858. The following votes were passed, viz
Voted that a committee of three be appointed to
petition the County Commissioners to view, the
four contemplated roads leading from or near Chester
Factories, to the old County road, leading from Chester
to Middelfield, including the road laid by the late
County Commissioners on a petition of S. B. Elder &
others, and discontinue, alter establish, or order im-
provements as they shall think best.

Voted that the Selectmen constitute said Committee
Voted to excuse David Cannon from serving on this
Committee and chose William Shepard to serve
in his stead. - and they further represent that the
undersigned Jonas Paumenter and Daniel Fry are
two of the Selectmen of Chester. Now the undersigned
in accordance with the wishes of the town of Chester
as expressed in the above votes respectfully request your
Honorable body to view said highway as located by the
last board, and the three other routes, leading between
the same points, and after due proceedings had in
the premises that you would either alter or order
improvements in or discontinue said highway as to
You shall seem best.

Chester 26, June 1858
By their atty Henry Doe.

Jonas Paumenter & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the
County Commissioners holden for said County on
the fourth Tuesday of June in the Year of our

At one thousand eight hundred and fifty at which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Joseph Legell in Chester on Wednesday the twenty first day of August next at nine o'clock A.M. and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Chester in said County, thirty days at least before the said twenty first day of August and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Westfield Standard a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view, and it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Chester, fourteen days before said twenty first day of August, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows

Hampden S.S. July 10, 1850. I served the Town Clerk of Chester with an attested copy of this petition & order by leaving the same at his dwelling house & also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Tice Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Wampden Sh. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty. On the petition of Jonas Parmenter & others then presented to said Commissioners representing and setting forth that the late Board of County Commissioners for this County located on the petition of S. B. Olden & others a highway leading from or near Chester Factories to the old County road leading from Chester to Middlefield. That there other & different routes between the same termini are thought to be preferable to the road located & are desired by different persons that a town meeting of the inhabitants of Chester legally called for that purpose & holden on May 28, 1850 the following votes were passed viz. Voted that a committee of three be appointed to petition the County Commissioners to view the four contemplated routes leading from or near Chester Factories to the old County road leading from Chester to Middlefield including the road laid by the late Commissioners on petition of S. B. Olden & others & discontinue after establish or order improvements as they shall think best Voted that the selectmen constitute such committee Voted to excuse David Cannon & chose William Shipman to serve in his stead & praying said Commissioners to view said highway as located by the last board & the three other routes between the same points & alter or discontinue or order improvements or discontinue said highway as by the petition on file will appear more fully. The Commissioners, during a view of the premises expediently, appointed the thirty first day of August then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Joseph Saffell in Chester as the time and place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Chester, being the town within which such highway lies the alteration or discontinuance of which is prayed for thirty days at least before

the time appointed for said view; and also caused
abstracts of said petition, containing the substance
thereof, to be posted in two public places in
said town; and also gave notice to all persons
interested by causing a copy of said petition to
be published three weeks successively in the West-
field Standard a newspaper published in said
County, said posting and the last publication
of said copy having been fourteen days at least
before the time appointed for said view; and
before said view was had, said Commissioners
gave notice in like manner as described in
the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons
interested of the time and place for commencing
said view; and on said twenty first day of
August but two members of the board being
present the meeting was adjourned to the twenty
ninth day of October, then next. And on the
said day of October the Commissioners
met at the time and place appointed, and
proceeded to view the premises, and having
viewed the same, the Commissioners then deter-
mined to hear the parties at the same time
of said view; and having heard the par-
ties, the case was reserved for consideration to
the December meeting and, said Commissioners
then proceeded to consider and adjudicate
upon the prayer of said petition: and after
considering the same, said Commissioners did
then and there adjudge that common con-
venience and necessity require that the
prayer of said petition should not be granted
Melvin Copeland Esq, being resident in said
Chester the other members of the Board gave
notice to Oliver Bates Esq one of the Special
Commissioners who appeared & acted in his
stead

A. J. Leonard } County
Wm V. Sessions } Commissioners
Oliver Bates }

which report being read and considered, and considered was accepted and the prayer of the petitioners refused with costs taxed at forty eight dollars and twenty four cents

Joseph Ranger
& others Petition
for alterations
in highway in
Westfield

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden - Respectfully represent the undersigned that the public convenience requires an alteration in the highway as laid leading from the house of Joseph King in Westfield to the house of Jared P. Seal in West Springfield or so much thereof as lies between the corner by Melcome Bennetts to the Owens Road so called. they therefore respectfully request your Honorable Board to view so much of said road as lies between said Melcome Bennetts corner and said Owens Road so called and make such alterations in the laying of said Road, as Your may deem proper, and as the public exigency may seem to require. As in duty bound we will ever pray.

Dated at Westfield June 25, 1850. Joseph Ranger & others
The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty at which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Melcome Bennett in Westfield on Wednesday the fourth day of September next, at nine o'clock A.M.; and it is further ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Westfield in said County, thirty days, at least before the said fourth day of September, and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Westfield Standard a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be

fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Westfield fourteen days before said fourth day of September and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and fifty and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Hampden Ss. July 17. 1855 I served the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of this petition & order by giving the same to him & also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff

at which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Ss. - At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the Year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty. On the petition of Joseph Ranger & others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that public convenience requires an alteration in the highway as laid from the house of Joseph King in Westfield to the house of Jared P. Searle in West Springfield or so much thereof as lies between the corner by William Bennett to the Owens Road so called & praying said Commissioners to view so much of said road as

lies between said Melrose Bennett corner & said Owens road make such alterations in the ~~highway~~ laying of said road as said Commissioners might deem proper as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners, during a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday, the fourth day of September then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Melrose Bennett in Westfield as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Westfield being the town within which said road lies the alteration of which is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Standard a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been from ten days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said fourth day of September the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners, then proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition should be granted. Norman S. Leonard Chairman of said Commissioners being resident in the town of Westfield within which town said road lies did not act & the other members of the board called Lucius S. Newton Esq. who appeared and acted in stead of said Leonard.

Melvin Copeland } County
 Wm V. Sessions } Commissioners
 Lucius S. Newton } Special Commissioner

which report being read and considered was accepted and the road alterations proposed for, adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

at which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners would meet at the dwelling house of Martin Sackett in Westfield on Tuesday the seventeenth day of December next at one o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of locating said alteration by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order therein, in the Westfield News Letter, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said seventeenth day of December. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the clerk of the town of Westfield with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Westfield fourteen days at least before the said seventeenth day of December at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to locate said alterations and would hear all persons and Corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the alteration of said roads.

And this petition was continued to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows

Hampden Sd. Nov. 16. 1850 I served the town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of this petition & order therein by giving the same to him & also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition
C. Tice Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden Sd. At a meeting of the County

Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty. On the petition of Joseph Rungis & others then presented to said Commissioners and setting forth that the public convenience requires an alteration in the highway as said leading from the house of Joseph King in Westfield to the house of David P. Seale in West Springfield or so much thereof as lies between the corner by Melcome Bennetts to the Owen Road so called & requesting said Commissioners to view so much of said road as lies between said Melcome Bennetts & said Owen road & make such alterations in the laying of said road as the public exigency may seem to require as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the fourth day of September then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Melcome Bennett in Westfield as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Westfield being the town within which such highway lies the attention of which is served for thirty days at least, before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Westfield, said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing ~~causing~~ a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Standard a newspaper published in said County, said posting and also the last publication of said copy having been four ten days at least, before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on ^{the} said fourth day of September, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid on the first

Monday of October then next by adjournment, on the
fifteenth day of November then next at which meeting
the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said
Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate
upon the prayer of said petition, and after con-
sidering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge
that the prayer of said petition should be granted
and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners
appointed Tuesday the seventeenth day of December
then next and one o'clock in the afternoon at the
house of Martin Baskett in said Westfield as the
time and place when and where they would meet
and proceed to locate said alteration and the
said Commissioners having given notice of the
adjudication and the time and place appointed
for locating the same in the same manner
as the notice and publication was given and made
and as is by law in such case made and pro-
vided, before proceeding to view (except publishing
an abstract of said petition instead of a copy
thereof) on the said seventeenth day of December
met and proceeded to locate said alterations
as follows viz. Beginning at a small Yellow pine
tree marked on land of Sidney Gridley near the
East shore of the ponds on the North side of the
highway as originally located & running from
thence in a straight line across the ponds to a stake
on the top of the hill at a point where the road
as originally located makes an angle the alter-
ation consisting in widening the road as orig-
inally located Eorthely, & the line above mentioned
The owners of the land over which the alteration
is located is allowed until the first day of May
next to remove his wood, timber, & trees therefrom.
The road bed is to be constructed according to the
original order over the part where the alteration
is made, said Gridley releases his land damages
for the alteration.

Storward C. Leonard Chairman of the Comm-
issioners being resident in said Westfield notice
was given by the other members of the board to

Lucius F. Newton Esq one of the Special Commissioners who appeared & acted in his stead.

Melvin Copeland County
V. Sessions Commissioners

Lucius F. Newton Special Comm.
which report being read and considered is accepted and the alteration established as and for a public highway For acceptance see Book p. 152

Myron C. Green and others
Petition for a Highway in Holyoke
To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden. The undersigned Inhabitants of the town of Holyoke in said County, respectfully represent to your board, that in their opinion the public convenience requires that a road should be laid from the County road leading from Northampton to Springfield, commencing at some point on said road between the house of Chester Crafts and Charles Ball, and running in a southeasterly direction so as to intersect the road leading from Edwin H. Ball to Ephraim Wright, at some point between the watering tub, and the house of Horatio N. Muschome, and also to make such alterations in the old road leading over the mountain by Ephraim Wright, west of said point of intersection as are prayed for in the petition of Edwin H. Ball, also to extend the Back Street road so as to connect with the above new road if your board should lay the same south of the house of Luranda Chopin - And we request your Hon. Board to view said premises and make such alterations and repairs, as in your opinion the public convenience and necessities requires.
Holyoke June 22. 1850 Myron C. Green & others

The foregoing petition was introduced at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty, at which meeting the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Chester Crafts in Holyoke

on Wednesday the fourteenth day of August, next, at nine o'clock A.M. and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Holyoke in said County, thirty days, at least, before the said fourteenth day of August, and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Hampden Freeman a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Holyoke fourteen days before said fourteenth day of August, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Hampden Ss. July 9, 1850 - I served the Town Clerk of Holyoke with an attested copy of this ^{petition} and order, by leaving the same at his last usual place of abode & also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff

at which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty. On the petition of Myron C. Green

notice then presented to said Commissioners
 representing and setting forth that the public
 convenience requires that a road should be laid
 from the County road leading from Northampton
 to Springfield commencing at some point on
 said road between the house of Chester Crafts &
 Charles Ball & running in a South westerly
 direction so as to intersect the road leading
 from Edwin H. Ball to Ephraim Wright at some
 point between the watering tub & the house of
 Horatio N. Meacham, & also to make such alterations
 in the old road leading over the mountain by
 Ephraim Wright West of said point of intersection
 as are prayed for in the petition of Edwin H. Ball
 also to extend the back street road so as connect
 with the above new road if the Board should lay
 the same North of the house of Saranda Chapin
 & praying said Commissioners to view the premises
 & make such alterations & repairs as the public
 convenience requires as by said petition on file will
 appear. The Commissioners deeming a view of the
 premises expedient, appointed the fourteenth day of
 August then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon
 at the house of Chester Crafts in Northampton as the
 time and place for viewing the premises; and
 caused a copy of said petition to be served upon
 the Clerk of the town of Northampton being the town
 within which such highway lies the location & alter-
 ations of which are prayed for thirty days at least before
 the time appointed for said view; and also caused
 abstracts of said petition, containing the substance
 thereof, to be posted in two public places in said
 town; and also gave notice to all persons interested
 by causing a copy of said petition to be published
 three weeks successively in the Hampshire Freeman
 a newspaper published in said County, said post-
 ing and the last publication of said copy having
 been fourteen days at least before the time appointed
 for said view; and before said view was had, said
 Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described
 in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons

interested, of the time and place for commencing said view,
and on the said fourteenth day of August the Com-
missioners met at the time and place appointed, and
proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed
the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear
the parties at the same time of said view, and
having heard the parties, said Commissioners
then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon
the prayer of said petition; and after considering
the same, said Commissioners did then and
there adjudge that common convenience and
necessity require that the prayer of said petition
should not be granted.

St Leonard	} County Commis- sioners
Melvin Copeland	
Wm. V. Sessions	

which report being read and considered is ac-
cepted and the prayer of the petitioners refused
with costs taxed at twenty seven dollars & fifty nine cents

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden Daniel Charter
Respectfully represent, the subscribers Inhabitants of, and others
Springfield that a road from Walnut Street to Petition for a
Pine Street in said town, running easterly over highway in
lands of C.W. Flagg, D. Charter, Chamberlain Springfield
and the heirs of Dr. Swann is much needed;
that a trespass way or path has been in almost
constant use here for more than twenty years,
during which time fences, gates & bars have been
put up and as often torn down; that your
petitioners have never been able to negotiate
or agree with all the owners of the lands
upon which the proposed roads would pass;
wherefore the Commissioners are requested to
view and lay out the same as soon as may be
August 12. 1850 Daniel Charter & others

The foregoing petition was entered at the
meeting of the County Commissioners held for
said County on the first Tuesday of October
last past, at which meeting the Commissioners

deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the Court House in Springfield on Tuesday the third day of December next, at one o'clock P.M. and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the Town of Springfield in said County thirty days, at least, before the said third day of December, and that all persons and Corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy in two public places in the Town of Springfield fourteen days before said third day of December and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

and this petition was continued to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows

Compendium S.H. Oct. 23 1850 - I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of this petition & order by giving the same to him & also posted up an abstract containing the substance of said petition in two public places in said Town more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting
C. Allen Sheriff

and it appears that the petitioners requested that no further proceedings be had before the view it is now ordered that the petition be dismissed with costs against the parties taxed at five dollars and fifty one cents

to the County Commissioners within & for the County of Hampden. H. E. Morse and others Petition

From petitioners H. E. Morse Henry H. Loomis & Nelson D. Parks. Citizens of Russell within said County respectfully represent for a jury to assess damages

that a certain town way has been laid out over the lands situate in said Russell leading from a point near Justin C. Loomis house to a bridge near the foot of Whipfarming Hill the same being about 50 rods. & that the Selectmen have within one month last past determined that your subscribers shall receive

dollars in the said Morse the sum of twelve dollars & said Parks & Loomis the sum of twenty four dollars as compensation for their lands & that your petitioners have been aggrieved by such determination of the Selectmen; they therefore pray your Honorable body that they may have the damages so by them sustained ascertained by a jury

Russell Sept 24. 1850 H. E. Morse and others

The foregoing petition was entered at the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October last past and continued to this meeting and it is ordered that the petition be dismissed without costs

On the sixth day of February Elijah Blake Overseer of the House of Correction in place of Willis Phelps. the Chairman the Leonard dissenting.

on this sixth day of February Calvin Stebbins Referee of the County Court from & after the first day of March next see specification of duties &c on file

Estimate of County Expenses made.
an estimate of taxes for the County of Hampden
for the Year 1851. for all county charges made
County Estimates

Elisha A. Stebbins in his dwelling house in Pittsford
 John Baldwin in his dwelling house in Do

The following persons are licensed to sell intoxicating
 liquors (in less quantities than 28 gallons) for medicinal
 and mechanical purposes only viz:

Lumbard & Cundall at their store on Main St in Springfield
 O. Bigelow & Co " " " " " " " "
 H. H. Brewer " " " " " " " "
 B. C. Bliss & Macon " " " " " " " "
 E. C. Stebbins " his " " " " " "
 H. L. Barker " " " " State " " "
 B. M. Ford & Co " their " " the Hill " "
 Benj. B. Belcher " his " " Chicopee
 Joseph S. Bagg " " " " Do
 Warren Smith " " " " Do
 Wm B. Taylor " " " " Do
 A. H. Worthington " " " " Do
 Jos L. Moffatt " " " " Holyoke
 Francis H. Simpson " " " " Do
 Thomas B. Shepard " " " " Do
 William Whitman " " " in West Springfield
 Ruben Palmer " " " " Do

Sundry accounts against the County being now Accounts
 presented are allowed and ordered to be paid allowed
 out of the County Treasury to the sum of eight
 hundred & seven dollars & three cents

C. Rice	25.66
Norman Smith	11.08
Dan Anthony & Phillips	24.75
Mr Hale & Co	10.93
Elijah Porter	17.72
J. M. Oly	12.80
D. A. Adams	1.25
Oliver B. Morris	6.00
Levi Littlefield	.75
H. H. Brewer	11.22
W. L. Wiley	10.32

Galpin & Hubbard		52.99
Amasa Parsons		59.37
Wm Rice		10.00
Wilson		72.00
S. Bowles & Son		25.50
D. F. Ashley		43.20
Seth Mosely		6.00
S. B. Wickham		120.00
Lehil Abbot		3.00
Alvin Jones		19.82
Henry Chapin		17.25
Merriman Chapin & Co		65.54
S. C. Steiner		4.50
Wm H. Butler		22.97
H. M. Butler		3.00
John Baldwin	Moore & Co	1.50
John Hardy	Ho - Co & Co	25.00
B. H. Blip	\$200 of it to Co	11.54
Skinner & Hamer	\$3.00 tail	3.50
Wm Rice	Coat for office	17.00
R. Blip	do " "	14.10
R. Blip	Chicks for	48.14
Hopkins Bridgman & Co		29.25
Hopkins Bridgman & Co	for Pans	1.75
		<u>\$807.00</u>

Lands
Damages

Ordered that a warrant be drawn on the Treasurer for the sum of one hundred & fifteen dollars in favor of Austin King in full for damages caused by the location of a highway over his lands on the petition of Adams Staunton & Co - And also the sum of two hundred & fifty nine dollars & eighty cents to the following persons for the same viz
 John E. Otis \$50 Seth Rice 15.00 Lyman Allen 5.00 Ebenezer Fay \$50.00 E. Coggeshall
 \$50.00 Chas. Law 10.00 Miss Cowles late widow Bela King \$50.00 Ezra Allen \$5.00
 Abysch Allen 4.00 Hines Whiting \$50.00 Sidney Bradley \$5.00 Rebecca Owen 7.50
 Land P. Shaw \$7.00 = 259.50 -

Hampden S. April 2 1851 Judgment is entered up according to Reports &c and all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest Rich^d Blip Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Sh. At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun & holden at Springfield within for the said County on the second Tuesday of April being the eighth day of said month to the ninth day of 5 month by adjournment on the twentieth day of said April in the Year of our Lords one thousand eight hundred & fifty one

Present Thomas J. Leonard Esq. Chairman
Melvin Copeland " County
William V. Sefions " Commissioners

To the County Commissioners for the County of Oliver & more
Hampden. Whereas the present road through and others
Granville to Westfield is very hilly, and part of it is very bad to keep in repair, and in the winter seasons the snow drifts very much in some places, and in others is bare, rendering it impassable with loaded teams, for some length of time during that season of the Year, and in some places the distance can be shortened & very much. For these considerations, your petitioners are induced to request, Your Hon. Board, to examine and locate a road on more favorable grounds, should your Honors deem it conducive to public goods. The proposed route to commence in the East Parish in Granville, near the North Lane School house so called and running westerly or south westerly direction, to Allen brook so called, near the said mill formerly owned by J. M. Cook, striking the main travelled road near that point, then commencing in the West Parish at the Potash Brook so called, East of Josiah Adkins ^{running round north of said Adkins} house, crossing the North Lane road so called, thence Northwesterly, to some point upon the old road leading from the Centre School house, North past Mr. J. Pharis house wherever you may deem expedient. And also alter the road

around the hill east of Lyman Shepards' farm, miles,
as far as the great road so called
Granville June 1849 Eliza O. Moon & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of
the County Commissioners holden for said County on
the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and forty nine, at which
meeting the Commissioners during a view of the premises
expedient and proper gave notice that they would
meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of
Lem Brown in Granville on Thursday the eighteenth day
of October next at ten o'clock A.M. and it is ordered
by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition
be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy
upon the Clerk of the town of Granville in said County
thirty days at least before the said 18th day of October and
that all other persons and corporations interested therein
be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this
order thereon, in the Wesleyan Post, a public newspaper
printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last
publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of
said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners
that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance
thereof and this order be posted up by said
Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Granville
fourteen days before said 18th day of October, and that notice
be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations
interested, that the County Commissioners during a view of
the premises expedient and proper and that a view of
the same will be taken by them at the time and place
aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting
to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of
September in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty & the Sheriff of said County made
his return as following

Wesleyan Post. Sept 12, 1849 - I served the foregoing town
Clerk of Granville with an attested copy of this petition
& order by leaving the same at his dwelling house & also
posted up in two public places in said town an
an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the Year of our Lords Eighteen hundred and forty nine, and by adjournment on the 21st of August. On the petition of Oliver D. Moore and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that public good requires alterations or a new location of the road through Granville to Westfield, commencing in the East Parish in Granville near the North Lane School house so called and running westerly or South westerly direction to Valley Brook so called near the saw mill formerly owned by C. M. Corley striking the main travelled Road near that point, then commencing in the West Parish at the Dutch Brook so called east of Josiah Atkins running north of said Atkins house crossing the North Lane road so called, thence North westerly to some point upon the old road leading from the Centre School house North past Mr. J. Blairs house, also after the Road around the hill east of Lyman Shepards Saw Mill as far up as the great Brook so called as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday the eighteenth day of October then next and at 10 O'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Levi Brown in Granville as the time and place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Granville being the town within which such alterations and location is prayed for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted up in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the

Hampden Post a newspaper published in said County,
 said petition and a full publication of said copy
 having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed
 for said view; and before said view was had, said
 Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described
 in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons
 interested, of the time and place for commencing said
 view. And on the said eighteenth day of October the
 Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at
 the same time of said view; and having heard the
 parties said Commissioners then proceeded to consider
 and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and
 after considering the same, said Commissioners did then
 and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity
 require that the prayer of the petitioners be granted so
 far as relates to the alteration of the hill east of Lyman
 Shepards Saw Mill. Banning Leavitt Chairman of
 the board being sick and unable to attend George V. Blau-
 chard one of the Special Commissioners being notified
 appeared and acted in his stead and Samuel Ross
 being interested as a citizen of Granville did not act
 and Wm. C. Barnes one of the Special Commissioners having
 been notified appeared and acted in his stead.

John Mc Coy } County
 George V. Blanchard } Commissioner
 William C. Barnes } Special Commissioner

which report being read and considered was accepted
 the alteration prayed for adjudged of common convenience
 and necessity.

and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting
 to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said
 County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the Year of
 our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-
 at which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice
 be given to all persons and Corporations interested therein
 that said Commissioners would meet at the Hotel W. Granville
 on Thursday the twelfth day of September next at nine
 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said alter-
 ation by publishing an abstract of said petition and this
 order thereon, in the Westfield Standard, a public news-
 paper printed in said County, three weeks successively.

the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twelfth day of September. And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Clerk of the town of Granville with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Granville fourteen days at least before the said twelfth day of September at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said alteration and will hear all persons and Corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper by reason of the location of said alteration and this petition was continued from one meeting to meeting to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order made his return as follows -

Hampden Ss. July 17. 1850

I served the town clerk of Granville with an attested copy of this petition & order by leaving the same at his dwelling house & also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff

and now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty nine & by adjournment on the twenty first day of August in the same Year. On the petition of Oliver D. Moore & others then present to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the present road through Granville to Westfield is very hilly & a part of it very bad to keep in repair & praying the Commissioners to examine & locate a new road commencing in the East Parish in Granville near the North Lane School house & running westerly or in a south westerly direction to Valley Brook near the saw mill formerly owned by T. M. Cooley striking the main road near that point then commencing

in the West Parish at the Dutch Creek East of Irish
 Atkins running round north of said Atkins house
 crossing the north lane road then North westerly to some
 point upon the old road leading from the Centre School
 house North past the house of M. S. Blasing - also to alter
 the road around the hill East of Lyman Shepards saw
 Mill as far as the point road so called as by said petition
 on file with officers.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises
 expedient, appointed Thursday the eighteenth day of October
 then next and ten o'clock in the forenoon at the house
 of Lyman Brown in said Granville as the time and
 place for viewing the premises: and caused a copy of said
 petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Granville
 being the town within which such road lies the location
 & alteration is prayed for thirty days at least before the time
 appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said
 petition containing the substance thereof to be posted in two
 public places in said town; and also gave notice to all
 persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be
^{there with successively in the Hampshire Post for some paper published}
 published in said County. Said posting and the last publication
 of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time
 appointed for said view; and before said view was had.
 said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described
 in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested
 of the time and place for commencing said view.
 And on the eighteenth day of October the Commissioners
 met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view
 the premises, and having viewed the same the further
 consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting
 of the Commissioners, held for at Springfield aforesaid on the
 fourth Tuesday of December then next at which meeting
 the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commis-
 sioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the
 prayer of said petition, and after considering the same
 said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the peti-
 tion be granted so far as relates to the road East of
 Lyman Shepards Saw Mill and after adjudicating as
 aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Thursday the
 twelfth day of September then next and nine o'clock
 in the forenoon at the Hotel in West Granville in said

Granville as the time and place when and where they
would meet, and proceed to locate said alteration and
the said Commissioners having given notice of the
ad indication and the time and place appointed for
hearing said alteration in the same manner, as the notice and
publication was given and made, and as is by law in
such case made and provided, before proceeding to
begin (except publishing an abstract of said petition
instead of a copy thereof) on the said eighteenth day
of October met and proceeded to hear all parties
& Corporations interested in said location & to locate &
establish an alteration in said highway as follows Viz
Beginning at the Easterly end of the bridge over the
brook (that runs on the line of the Towns of Tolland
& Granville) at a birch tree marked standing South
eighteen & a half degrees East twelve & a half feet
from the middle of the Easterly end of said bridge
then running South forty five degrees East twenty
four rods & eleven links for the Southerly line of said
alteration on lands of Lyman Shepard to the Westerly
end of a stone wall on the present line of said loca-
tion of the Southerly line of said road the Northerly
line of the road to this point, remaining unaltered
from thence as the fences now are on each side of the
road to the top of the hill, then beginning at a stone on
the Northerly side of the road & running on the North-
erly or left hand line of the highway as altered
North Eighty six & a half degrees East two rods to
lands of Lyman Shepard then on lands of said
Shepard on the same course five rods & twenty
links to a stone then North sixty & a half degrees
East two rods & twenty links to a stone then North
thirty four & a half degrees East two rods & thirteen
links to lands of the widow & heirs of Samuel Granger
deceased, then on lands of said widow & heirs in the
same course sixteen rods & twenty two links to a stone
then North thirty nine & a half degrees East eight rods
& seven links to a stone then North fifty one & a half degrees East
four rods & twelve links to a stone then South eighty
five degrees East five rods & two links to a stone then
South forty & a quarter degrees East eight rods & thirteen
links to a stone then South twenty degrees East eight

road six links to a stone then south thirty five & then quarter degrees East eleven rods & continues links to a stone then South twenty six degrees & a half East three rods & nine links to corner of Lyman Shepard then on land of said Shepard the same course nine rods & nine links to a stone then South twenty two & a quarter degrees East thirty two rods to a stone near the North line of the old road - That part of the highway north of the old road is located three rods in width - The owners of the land over which said alteration is located are allowed until the twenty fifth day of April next to remove their wood timber & trees therefrom. The following directions are to be observed in the construction of the road. The grade of the road bed from the bridge to the top of the first hill Eastward is not to exceed six degrees & of the residue it is in no place to exceed four & a half degrees. all trees roots & stumps must be thoroughly grubbed & together with all large stones removed from the road bed & in no instance to be covered up in the same. The road bed is to be well thrown up without mounds crossing the same to be sixteen feet in width exclusive of ditches. Ditches are to be constructed on each side of the road bed & substantial sluices or culverts of stone of a sufficient size for the passage of the water from one side of the road to the other whenever it may be necessary. Also substantial railings upon the sides of the road bed whenever it may be necessary. All of materials used in the construction of the road are to be of good quality & well adapted to the purposes for which they are used. The road is to be finished in a good substantial & workmanlike manner & to the acceptance of the Commissioners on or before the first day of July. Having heard all persons who appeared before us for the purpose of being heard upon the question of damages we then proceeded to estimate the same as follows viz -

To Lyman Shepard we have allowed ten dollars	\$10.00
To the widow of Samuel Granger six dollars	6.00
To the heirs of Samuel Granger fifteen dollars	15.00
	\$31.00

A. J. Leonard	County
Melvin Copeland	Commiss
Wm. A. Sessions	Recorder

which report being read and considered is accepted and the attention established as and for a public highway

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire. Respectfully represent the subscribers & others petitioners for alteration of Inhabitants of Agawam and Feding Hills in West Springfield, that your petitioners and the public generally would be greatly accommodated by a public road running from near the house of Col. Wolcott in Agawam Parish formerly called the Brookbank corner, running Southwesterly to the State line on Feding Hills main street at some convenient point between the dwelling of James Hollday & Comfort Clark - or to run from said corner to near said Hollday's, as will best accommodate the public - and you are requested to view and establish such road as soon as may be practicable. You are also requested to make some alterations in the River Road from the lower Ferry to Whitman's corner in Agawam.

December 17, 1849

Geo S Hubbard & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Thursday of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine, and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty. At which meeting the Commissioners giving a view of the premises expedient and proper gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Harvey Wolcott in West Springfield on Wednesday the twenty seventh day of November next, at nine O'clock A.M. and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of West Springfield in said County, thirty days at least before the said twenty seventh day of November and that all persons and corporations interested

therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Hampden Post, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view; and it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of West Springfield fourteen days before said 27th day of November, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners desire a view of the premises aforesaid, and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid, and this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lords one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows

Hampden Sh. October 19, 1850 - I served the Town Clerk of West Springfield with an attested copy of this petition & order by giving the same to him & also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff

at which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Sh. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lords eight hundred and fifty - On the petition of George L. Hubbard & others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the public would be greatly accommodated by a public road from near the house of Col Wolcott in Agawam Parish formerly called the Buxton Corner, running southerly to the State line on Harding Hills main Street at some convenient point, between the dwellings of James Holliday & Comfort Hunt, or to run from said corner to near said Holliday's as will best accommodate the public & requesting said Commissioners to view & establish said road as soon as might be practicable & also requesting

said Commissioners to make some alterations in the river
road from the lower Ferry to Whitmans Corner in agreement
as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises or
premise, appointed Wednesday, the twenty seventh day
of November then next and nine o'clock in the fore-
noon, at the house of Harvey Holcott in West Springfield
as the time and place for viewing the premises,
and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon
the Clerk of the Town of West Springfield being the
town within which such highway lies the location
& alterations which are prayed for, thirty days at
least before the time appointed for said view; and
also caused abstracts of said petition, containing
the substance thereof, to be posted in two public
places in West Springfield said town; and also
gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy
of said petition to be published three weeks suc-
cessively in the Hampshire Post a newspaper,
published in said County, said posting and the last
publication of said copy having been made four-
teen days at least before the time appointed for said
view; and before said view was had said Commissioners
gave notice in like manner, as described in the fore-
going notice of the petition, to all persons interested,
of the time and place for commencing said view.
And on the said twenty seventh day of November
the Commissioners met at the time and place
appointed, and proceeded to view the premises,
and having viewed the same, the Commissioners
then determined to hear the parties at the same
time of said view; and having heard the parties
said Commissioners then proceeded to consider
and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition;
and after considering the same, said Commissioners
did then and there adjudge that common conve-
nience and necessity require that so much of
said petition as relates to making alterations in the
river road from the lower Ferry to Whitmans
Corner the same being a highway in said West
Springfield be granted in part viz, from the

road passing the house of H. M. Freeman southward
to a point on Thomas Wicklands land South of the
brook & that the residue of said highway between the
termini mentioned in said petition can be so far amend-
ed as to supersede the necessity of laying out a new high-
way or altering the location of existing ways

H. S. Leonard

Melvin Copeland

Wm. V. Squires

County

Commissioners

which report being read and considered was accepted
and the alterations prayed for adjudged of common
convenience and necessity - at which meeting the
Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons
and Corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners
would meet at the dwelling house of Thomas Wicklands in
West Springfield on Thursday the twentieth day of March
next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of lo-
cating said alterations & directing specific repairs by
publishing an abstract of said petition and this order
thereon, in the Springfield Republican a public news-
paper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the
last publication to be fourteen days at least before said twen-
tieth day of March. And it is further ordered by the County
Commissioners that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy
send the Clerk of the town of West Springfield with a copy
of said petition and this order, thirty days at least - and
post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two
public places in said town of West Springfield fourteen
days at least before the said twentieth day of March at
which time the said Commissioners would proceed to establish
said alteration & directing said repairs and will hear
all persons and Corporations interested therein, who may
then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages
as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of
the alterations of said road & of said specific repairs
and this petition was continued to this meeting, and
the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order
made his return as follows

Hampden Co. February 11, 1851 I send the Town Clerk
of W. Springfield with an attested copy of this petition & order
thereon by giving the same to him & also posted up in two

public places in said town an abstract containing
the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in
writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners
of the County of Hampden of Hampden, held at Springfield
in said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the
Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty nine,
On the petition of George S. Hubbard & others then presented
to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that
the public generally would be greatly accommodated
by a public road from near the house of Col. Wolcott
in Agawam Parish formerly called the Brinkhous corner
running South westerly to the State line on Fording Hills
main street at some convenient point between the
dwelling of James Holliday & Comfort Kent, or to run
from said corner to near said Holliday as well but
accommodate the public & requesting said Commissioners
to view & establish such road - Also requesting them
to make some alterations in the River Road from
the Lower Ferry to Whitmans Corner in Agawam as
by said petition on file will appear

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises
expedient, appointed Wednesday the twenty seventh day
of November then next and nine o'clock in the
forenoon, at the house of Henry Wolcott in West
Springfield as the time and place for viewing
the premises: and caused a copy of said petition
to be served upon the Clerk of the town of West
Springfield being the town within which such
highway the location & alteration of which is
prayed for, thirty days at least before the time
appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts
of said petition, containing the substance thereof
to be posted in two public places in said town,
and also gave notice to all persons interested by
causing ^{the} of said petition to be published three
weeks successively in the Post, a newspaper pub-
lished in said County, said posting and the last

publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had. Said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing article of the petition to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said twenty seventh day of November the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid on the fourth Tuesday of December, then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience & necessity require that so much of said petition as relates to making alterations in the river road from the Lower Ferry to Whitmars corner the same being a highway in West Springfield) be granted in part, viz from the road passing the house of H. M. Freeman to a point on Thomas Kittlands land South of the brook & that the residue of said highway between the termini in said petition mentioned can be so far amended as to supersede the necessity of laying out a new highway or altering the location of existing highways, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Thursday the twentieth day of March then next and near O'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Thomas Kittland in said West Springfield as the time and place when and where they would meet, and proceed to establish such alterations & direct such amendment and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for making such alterations & amendments in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said twentieth day of March met and proceeded to locate the alterations in

said highway as follows. ¹¹ Commencing on the westerly side of the River Road at a stone monument set in the ground by Simon Braden South East corner running thence North thirty nine & a half degrees East fifty three rods & seven links on lands of Thomas Bickelmeade to a stone monument on the Northerly ^{side} of a ravine & run of water thence North forty four & a half degrees East sixty six rods & seven links on lands occupied by School District Number twenty two in said West Springfield & lands of Eason M. Freeman & crossing a road running in an easterly & westerly direction, to a stone monument by the westerly side of the present travelled road in William Brooks South East corner. The line now is the westerly line of the highway as altered & including in ^{all the lands lying} the said highway between said line now & Connecticut River.

The following directions are to be observed in the construction of said highway - the road bed is to be constructed near the westerly side of the location & to be turnpiked so that the travelled path shall not be less than sixteen feet in width exclusive of ditches. a bridge is to be constructed over the ravine near the school house where the road is altered, the foundation to be of three inch plank laid transversely & not less than three feet long, the bridge to be at least sixteen feet in width - the abutments to be of stone & the roads two rods in length on each side of the bridge to be brought to the same grade with the bridge and the Commissioners further direct that the following specific repairs be made upon the residue of said highway viz. from the school house in the fork of the road next North of Syrian Whitmans to the Southern termination of the new road to be made as above directed to be turnpiked the entire length whenever it can be without endangering the River bank, or to be filled up so that the travelled path shall be higher than the sides of the road - The road bed to be at least sixteen feet wide exclusive of ditches - The passages for water from the ditch on the East side of the road to the River to be protected by gravel, the entire River bank where it is undermining by the action of water to be

protected by willows set in the ground or by brush stone
 & gravel - a fortification will be required between the houses
 of Robert Mayes & Simon Wade to commence two rods
 south of a pine tree remaining past the western lot
 ball & to continue North ten rods in a line parallel
 or nearly parallel with the west line of the highway
 & two rods distant therefrom to be composed of logs or
 timber, filled with earth or gravel - The fence near the
 house occupied by Shadens Gorch to be removed back to
 the original line of the highway & the road bed to be
 made in a straight direction in front of the lot, all the
 work to be done in a faithful manner & all the materials
 used to be adapted to the purpose for which they are
 employed - The whole to be completed to the acceptance
 of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of
 September next - The owners of lands over which said
 alteration is located are allowed until the first day of
 August next to remove their wood timber trees & buildings
 therefrom, after having located said alterations & heard
 all parties interested in the question of damages occa-
 sioned by the same the Commissioners then proceeded
 to estimate the same as follows viz -

Thomas Whitland one hundred & twenty five dollars	\$125.00
The 22 School District in West Springfield twenty five dollars	25.00
Hebron M. Armand one hundred & seventy five dollars	175.00
	\$325.00

to other person or Corporation appeared to claim & now
 sustaining damages occasioned by said location in the
 judgment of the Commissioners

N. S. Leonard	County Commissioners
Melvin Copeland	
Wm V. Lefebvre	

which report being read and considered is accepted
 and the alterations established as and for a public
 highway

Elijah Owen
 and others
 Petition for a
 highway in
 Westfield & vicinity

To the County Commissioners for the County
 of Hampden. Humbly shew the subscribers inhabitants
 of Westfield, that the public convenience requires a
 public highway from some point near the Stone of
 Alongs Hill in the north part of Westfield to run

Eastwardly by the house of Ezra Allen a distance of about
five miles to intersect the road which runs from Moody
Bridge to Pomeroy town near the house of Elijah Owen
and they pray that the Commissioners would view and
lay such road or such parts thereof as the public
convenience and necessity in their judgment requires.
They also pray that the road laid by your honors
in the Autumn of 1849 from near the house of Joseph
Heins Eastwardly to near the house of Jared R.
Jewell may wholly or in part be discontinued. Your
Petitioners further pray that the highway which com-
mences a few rods south of the house of S. Sizer
and Brother in Westfield & runs Northwestwardly to inter-
sect the road running by the house of Vincent
Chapple heirs may be discontinued wholly or in part,
as in duty bound &c

Elijah Owen and et al
The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of
the County Commissioners holden for said County on
the second Tuesday of April in the Year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and fifty, at which
meeting the Commissioners, deeming a view of the
premises expedient and proper, gave notice that
they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the
dwelling house of Elijah Owen in Westfield on
Thursday the twenty third day of May next, at nine
o'clock A.M. and it is ordered by the County
Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served
by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon
the Clerk of the town of Westfield in said County, thirty
days at least, before the said 23^d day of May and that
all persons and corporations interested therein be
notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this
order thereon, in the Westfield News Letter a public
newspaper printed in said County, three weeks suc-
cessively, the last publication to be fourteen days at
least before the time of said view. And it is further
ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said
petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof,
and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy,
in two public places in the town of Westfield fourteen

days before said 23^d day of May and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners desire a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows. - Hampden Ss. April 19. 1855 - I served the Town Clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of this petition & order thereon by giving the same to him & also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff

at which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Ss. - At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County on the second Tuesday of April in the Year of our Lord eight hundred and fifty, on the petition of Elijah Owen & others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the public convenience requires a public highway from some point near the Store of Abner Allen in the north part of Westfield to run eastwardly by a house of Ezra Allen a distance of about five miles to intersect the road, which runs from Mosley Bridge to Pomeroy's tavern near the house of Elijah Owen & praying the Commissioners to view, lay out such road or select parts thereof as the public convenience & necessity requires also praying that the road laid by the Commissioners in the Autumn of 1849, from near the house of Joseph Hines Eastwardly to near the house of David P. Hoar's may wholly or in part be discontinued & that the highway which commences a few rods south of the house of C. L. Jones brother & runs north westerly to intersect the road running by the house of Vincent Clapps here be discontinued wholly or in part as by said petition on file with appears

The Commissioners arriving a view of the premises
expedient, appointed Thursday, the twenty third day of
May then next and were called in the forenoon, at
the house of Elijah Owen in Westfield at the time and
place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of
said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the
town of Westfield being the town within which such
highways lie the location & discontinuance of which
are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time
appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts
of said petition containing the substance thereof
to be posted in two public places in said town,
and also gave notice to all persons interested by
causing a copy of said petition to be published three
weeks successively in the News Letter a newspaper
published in said County, said posting and the
last publication of said Copy having been fourteen
days at least before the time appointed for said view;
and before said view was had, said Commissioners
gave notice in like manner as described in the
foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested
of the time and place for commencing said view.
And on the said twenty third day of May the
Commissioners met at the time and place
appointed, and proceeded to view the premises,
and having viewed the same, the Commissioners
then determined to hear the parties at the same
time of said view; and having heard the parties
said Commissioners at their regular meetings in June
& October in said Year proceeded to consider and
adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and
after considering the same, said Commissioners
did there and then adjudge that common
convenience and necessity require that so much of
said petition as prays for the location of a new road
be granted in part viz: "from near the house of
Samuel Cowles on the Eastern Farms in Westfield to
the road leading from Morleys bridge to Pomroy
town near the house of Elijah Owen that so much
thereof as relates to the discontinuance of the highway
from Joseph Kings to Ingers P. Road be discontinued

in part viz. that all that part thereof lying east of Melvorn Bennetts house be discontinued as a highway saving however to the public & individuals the same rights of passing over the same which they have acquired & leaving the town of Westfield subject to all the duties & obligations to which they were subjected before the location of the same as a highway by the County Commissioners.

And that so much of said petition as relates to the discontinuance of the road running past the house of E. Sizer & brother should not be granted.

Norman S. Leonard Chairman of the County Commissioners being a resident of the town of Westfield in which said roads lie & not being qualified to act, Lucius S. Newton Esq one of the Special Commissioners was notified by the other members of said board & attended instead of said Leonard.

Melvin Copeland } County
 Wm V. Squires } Commissioners
 Lucius S. Newton } Special Commissioner

which report being read and considered was accepted and the road judged for adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

and at said meeting the foregoing report is reconsidered and after striking out all that relates to the discontinuance of a highway from Joseph Kings to Sarah P. Seacher is accepted and the road adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

at which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein that said Commissioners would meet at the dwelling house of Elijah Owen in Westfield on Wednesday the eighteenth day of December next at 9 o'clock in the fore noon for the purpose of locating said roads by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon in the Westfield News Letter a public newspaper printed in said County three weeks successively the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said 18th day of December.

And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Clerk of the town of Westfield with a copy of said petition and this order thirty days at least and pack up abstracts containing

the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Westfield fourteen days at least before the said eighteenth day of December at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to locate said roads and would hear all persons and corporations interested therein who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper by reason of the location of said roads.

and this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty. and the Sheriff of said County and pursueman of said order makes his return as following

Hampden Sh. Nov 16, 1858 I served the town clerk of Westfield with an attested copy of this petition & order by giving the same to him & also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. H. Allen Sheriff

and now the Commissioners make their report in writing as following

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Sh. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty - On the petition of Elijah Owen & others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the public convenience requires a public highway from some point near the store of George Allen in the north part of Westfield to run eastwardly by the house of Ezra Allen a distance of about five miles to intersect the road which runs from Mohr's bridge to Pomeroy's Tavern near the house of Elijah Owen & praying the Commissioners to view and locate the same or such part thereof as the public convenience may require, also praying that the roads located in the fall of 1849 from near the house of Joseph King eastwardly to near the house

of said P. Road may be wholly or in part discontinued & that the highway which commences a few rods south of the house of C. Ligon & brother in Westfield & runs North Westly to intersect the road running by the house of Vincent Chappes heirs may be discontinued wholly or in part as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday, the twenty third day of May then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Elijah Owen in Westfield as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Westfield being the town within which such highways lie the location & discontinuance of which are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy said petition to be published three weeks successively in the News Letter a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said twenty third day of May the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid on the fourth Tuesday of June then next at which meeting the parties were heard and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition and after considering the same, said Commissioners did thereafter at their regular meeting held at said Springfield on the first Tuesday of October then next, adjudge that so much of the petition as prays for the location of new road be granted in part viz from near the house of Samuel Cowles in the East pastures

in Westfield to the road leading from Morley bridge to
Pomroye town near the house of Elijah Owen, and
after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners
appointed Wednesday the eighteenth day of December
then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the
house of Elijah Owen in said Westfield as the time
and place when and where they would meet and
proceed to locate said highway and the Commissioners
having given notice of the adjudication and the
time and place appointed for locating said highway
in the same manner as the notice and publication
was given and made, and as is by law in such
case made and provided, before proceeding to view
(except publishing an abstract of said petition in-
stead of a copy thereof) on the said eighteenth day
of December met and proceeded to locate said
highway as follows Viz: Commencing at a stake on land
occupied by Mrs. Clement Corlies on the east side of the
road leading from Great River Bridge to East Farms
in Westfield then running South sixty five & a half
degrees East seventy six rods to a maple tree mar-
ked - The above course & distance was taken on the
North side of the road - From this point the course
& distance were taken on the South side of the road &
beginning at a stake then South seventy five degrees
East forty one rods to a stake then South sixty nine
degrees East forty four rods to a stake then South
sixty eight degrees East twenty one rods & twelve links
to the North West corner of Ezra Allens house
then South sixty seven & a half degrees
East two rods to Southampton road at said
Allens house then South sixty seven & a half
degrees East two hundred & fifty four rods to the old
Southampton road then South sixty seven & a half
degrees East forty eight rods & twelve links to a stake
then North seventy three degrees East two rods to
an oak tree marked then North seventy three degrees
East eighty two rods to a stake then North sixty
four degrees East nineteen rods to a stake then
South eighty one degrees East twelve rods to a stake
then South sixty degrees East ninety nine rods &

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Buck Road
Road
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twelve & a half links to an oak tree marked then South
 sixty five degrees East one hundred & nine rods & twelve
 & a half links to a stake on the west side of the old North
 ampton & Hartford road leading through Owen School
 district the whole length of the road is one thousand rods
 this highway is located three rods in width The owners of
 lands over which said highway is located are allowed
 untill the first day of May next to remove the wood
 timber & trees therefrom The following directions are to
 be observed in the construction of the road all roots trees
 & stumps are to be thoroughly grubbed & removed from
 the road bed the latter is to be constructed eighteen
 feet in width exclusive of ditches & is to be thrown up in
 good turnpike shape & covered with loam on the travelled
 path as far as the nature of the soil adjacent to the road
 bed will admit Good & substantial bridges are to be con-
 structed over the streams & collections of water over which
 the highway is located no mounds are to be constructed
 across the road bed all the materials used are to be
 well adapted to the purposes for which they are used & all
 the work is to be performed in a good substantial & work-
 manlike manner & to the acceptance of the Commissioners
 on or before the first day of July next.

Having heard all persons and Corporations who desired to
 be heard upon the same we have estimated the dam-
 ages sustained by the owners of lands over which said
 highway is located as follows viz To

The Estate of Samuel Arnold	five dollars	5.00
Oliver Gaylord	six dollars	6.00
Horace Owen	seven dollars	7.00
Opa Allen	twenty six dollars	26.00
Elijah Owen	one dollar & fifty cents	1.50
Oliver Eggleston	fifty cents	.50
Joseph Dudley	four dollars & forty four cents	4.44
Russell	twenty eight cents	.78
Oliver Eggleston & Horace Owen	one dollar & sixty eight cents	1.68
Washington Sheldon	twenty cents	.70
Edwards Root	three dollars & forty two cents	3.42
Archibald Barnes	twenty five dollars	25.00
		\$132.02

Ben Moore & Elijah Owen make no claim to damages

assent to some being attended there. Thomas St. Leonard
Chairman of the Commissioners being resident in said
Westfield did not act & action was given by the other
members of the board to Lucius St. Newton Esq one
of the Special Commissioners who appeared & acted in
his stead. Stone monuments are to be set up at the
angles indicated by stakes in the foregoing report

Frederic Copeland

Wm V. Sessions

Lucius St. Newton

And this petition was continued to this meeting
for further consideration upon said locating report
and now accepted and the road established as and
for a public highway

To the County Commissioners for the County of Abel Blif and
Hampden. The undersigned Citizens of Wilbraham Petition for
respectfully represent that whereas the said County alteration in
Commissioners have heretofore ordered that a bridge Bridge &c
be built across the Chicopee River near Collins
Depot & whereas your petitioners believe that the
public convenience requires that certain alterations
should be made in the construction and building
of said bridge they therefore pray that your
Honorable board will review said order and
make such alterations in the same as the
public good may require.

Wilbraham Dec 20, 1850 Abel Blif & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting
of the County Commissioners holden for said
County on the fourth Tuesday of December
in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and fifty.

at which meeting the Commissioners during
a view of the premises, expedient and proper
gave notice that they would meet for the purpose
of said view at Collins Depot in Wilbraham
on Friday the thirty first day of January next
at nine o'clock A.M. and it is ordered by the
County Commissioners that a copy of said petition

be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy upon the Clerks of the towns of Wilbraham & Ludlow in said County, thirty days at least, before the said thirty first day of January and that all persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view, and it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstract containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the towns of Wilbraham & Ludlow fourteen days before said thirty first day of January and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid & if at the time of such view no person interested should object, the Commissioners if they deem it expedient will forthwith proceed & direct alterations in said bridge, and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting - and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows

Hampden S.S. January 1. 1851. I served the Town Clerks of each of the towns of Ludlow & Wilbraham with an attested copy of this petition & order thereon by leaving the same at the last usual place of abode of each & also posted up in two public places in each of said towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting

C. Rice Sheriff

and now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden S.S. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of December in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty

On the petition of Abel Bliss & others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the County Commissioners have heretofore ordered that a bridge be built across the Chicopee River near Collins Depot & that the public convenience requires that certain alterations should be made in the construction of said Bridge & praying the Commissioners to review said order & make such alterations in the same as the public good may require as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners during a view of the premises expediently appointed holding the thirty first day of January then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at Collins Depot in Wilbraham as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerks of the towns of Ludlow & Wilbraham being the towns within which such bridge has been ordered to be constructed the alteration of which is prayed for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in each of said towns; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Republican a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said thirty first day of January the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering

the same. said Commissioners did then and there
 adjudge that Commission Commence and necessity
 require that the prayer of said petition be granted & no
 person interested objecting said Commissioners did then and
 there adjudge that said bridge be constructed sixteen
 feet in width & that the abutments thereof be constructed
 at least two feet higher than the point to which the
 north abutment had been raised at the time of said view.
 Melvin Copeland Esq being unable to be present notice
 was given by the Chairman to Lucius S. Newton Esq who
 appeared & acted in his stead & William A. Lyons Esq
 being resident in said Wilbraham notice was in like
 manner given to Eliza Bates Esq the other Special
 Commissioners who appeared & acted in his stead

Norman S. Leonard } County Com=
 Eliza Bates } Special
 Lucius S. Newton } Commissioners

which report being read and considered is accepted and
 the bridge established as and for a public highway

John Baldwin & others Petition To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
 for a highway in Wilbraham
 Your petitioners inhabitants of the town of Wilbraham
 would respectfully represent, that the public convenience
 and wants require that a road and highway should be
 laid out and constructed, beginning at the house of
 George Phip in said Wilbraham, on the street road so
 called, and leading in a northerly direction East of John
 Baldwin's Hotel to the Bridge recently ordered by the
 County Commissioners to be built, across the Chicopee
 River near Collins Depot they therefore pray Your
 Honorable board will view said route at your earliest
 convenience & establish the same as a public highway
 Wilbraham Dec 18. 1858 John Baldwin & others
 The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the
 County Commissioners held for said County on the
 fourth Tuesday of December in the Year of our Lord
 one thousand eight hundred and fifty.
 at which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view
 of the premises expedient and proper gave notice
 that they would meet for the purpose of said view
 at the dwelling house of John Baldwin in Wilbraham

on Monday the thirty first day of January next at 10 o'clock
A.M. and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that
a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County
or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Wilbraham in
said County, thirty days at least before the said thirty first
day of January and that all persons and corporations
interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said
petition and this order thereon, in the Hampden Post, a
public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks
successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at
least before the time of said view; and it is further ordered
by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition or abstract
containing the substance thereof and this order,
be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public
places in the town of Wilbraham fourteen days before said
31st day of January and that notice be given in manner
aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that
the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises
expedient and proper, and that a view of the same
would be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid,
and this petition was continued to this meeting,
and the Sheriff of said County made his return
as follows

Hampden S^t. Jan^y 1. 1851 I served the Town Clerk
of Wilbraham with an attached copy of this petition
& order thereon by leaving the same at his dwelling
house & also posted up in two public places in I
found an abstract containing the substance of said petition
more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting

C. Rice Sheriff

at which meeting the Commissioners made their
report in writing as follows

Commissioners of Massachusetts

Hampden S^t. at a meeting of the County Com-
missioners of the County of Hampden, held at
Springfield, in said County, on the fourth day
of December in the Year of our Lord eighteen
hundred and fifty. On the petition of John
Baldwin & others then presented to said Com-
missioners, representing and setting forth that
the public convenience requires, that a highway

should be laid out & constructed beginning at the house of George Bliss in said Wilbraham & on the street road so called & leading in a northerly direction East of John Baldwin's Hotel to the bridge recently ordered by the County Commissioners to be built, across the Chicopee River near Collins depot & praying the Commissioners to view & establish said route as a public highway as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, during a view of the premises expediently appointed Friday, the thirty first day of January then next and then October in the forenoon at the house of John Baldwin in said Wilbraham at the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Wilbraham being the town within which such highway lies the location of which is prayed for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Wilbraham said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Post, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view; and on the said thirty first day of January the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having received the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity do not require that the prayer of said petition should be granted.

William V. Seaborn Secy one of the County Commissioners

being resident in said Wethersham & Melvin Coplands
but one of the County Commissioners being unable to
be present, notice was given by the Chairman to
Elihu Bates Esq, one of the Special Commissioners
who appeared & acted in stead of said Superior & to
Lucius H. Newton the other Special Commissioners who
appeared & acted in stead of said Coplands,

W. J. Leonard	County Commissioners
Elihu Bates	Special
Lucius H. Newton	Commissioners

which report being read and considered is accepted
and the prayer of the petitioners refused with costs
taxed at fifteen dollars & forty five cents

To the County Commissioners for the County of Samuel Currier
Hampton - The subscribers citizens of Springfield and others
respectfully represent to Your Hon. Board that Petition for a
public convenience and necessity require that a Highway in
public highway be laid out, and established, as Springfield
follows. to wit, beginning on Spring Street in said
Springfield on the North side of the house of Samuel
Currier, and running westerly about thirty rods to lands
of Chester Harding or John L. King, and thence North-
easterly about fifteen rods to Pearl Street. The same
being now called & known as Salem Street. They
therefore request your board to view, lay out & establish
the same as a public highway
Springfield Nov. 20. 1853 Samuel Currier & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of
the County Commissioners holden for said County on
the fourth Tuesday of December in the Year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty - at which
meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the pre-
mises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would
meet for the purpose of said view, at the Court House
in Springfield on Wednesday the twelfth day of March
next, at nine o'clock A.M. and it is ordered by the County
Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served
by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the

Clerk of the town of Springfield in said County, thirty days at least before the said twelfth day of March and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Best a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Springfield fourteen days before said 12th day of March and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

and this petition was continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows

Hampden S. Sheriff 25, 1857 I have served the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of this petition & order thereon by giving the same to him & also posted up in two public places in S. Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff

at which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden S. at a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of December in the Year of our Lords eighteen hundred and fifty. On the petition of Samuel Carrier & others then presented to said Commissioners representing and setting forth that public conveniences & necessity require that a public highway be laid out & established as follows to wit, beginning on Spring Street in said Springfield on the Northby side of the house of Samuel Carrier & running westerly about thirty rods to land of Chester Harding or John S. King & thence northerly about fifteen rods to peach Street the

same being now called & known as Salem Street &
requesting said Commissioners to view lay out & establish
the same as a public highway as by said petition on
file will appear. The Commissioners deeming a view of
the premises expedient appointed Wednesday the twelfth
day of March then next and nine o'clock in the fore
noon at the Court House in Springfield as the time
and place for viewing the premises and caused a
copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the
Court of Springfield being the terms of within which
such location is prayed for thirty days at least before
the time appointed for said view, and also caused
abstracts of said petition containing the substance
thereof, to be posted in two public places in said
town and also gave notice to all persons interested
by causing a copy of said petition to be published
three weeks successively in the Hampden Post a
newspaper published in said County, said posting and the
last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at
least before the time appointed for said view, and before
said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice
in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of
the petition, to all persons interested of the time and
place for commencing said view.

And on the said twelfth day of March the Com-
missioners met at the time and place appointed
and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed
the same the Commissioners then determined to hear
the parties at the same time of said view, and
having heard the parties, said Commissioners then
proceed to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer
of said petition, and after considering the same the
said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that
common convenience and necessity require that the
prayer of the petition should not be granted.

A. C. Leonard

Malvin Copeland

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which report being read and considered is accepted
and the prayer of the petitioners refused with cost
taxes at twenty dollars and twenty one cents

73 To the County Commissioners for the County of Hamp-
Ralph Adams and the undersigned inhabitants of West Springfield - viz
and others. humbly represent that the highway running in a westerly
Petition for alter direction from Main Street in Agawam near the house of
ation in highway David Worthington, past the house of William Soper to
in West Springfield the new road is called from Suffield to Springfield is
crooked and very much out of repair, & they would respectfully
solicit that your honorable board would view said road
and make such alterations as you may deem the pub-
lic convenience requires.

West Springfield Agawam Oct 28 1850

Ralph Adams & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the
County Commissioners holden for said County on the
fourth Tuesday of December in the Year of our Lords one
thousand eight hundred and fifty, at which meeting the
Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient
and proper gave notice that they would meet for the
purpose of said view at the dwelling house of David
Worthington in West Springfield on Wednesday the 19th day
of March next at 9 o'clock A.M. and it is ordered by the
County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served
by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy upon the Clerk of
the town of West Springfield in said County, thirty days
at least before the said 19th day of March and that all
other persons and Corporations interested therein be notified
by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon
in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed
in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication
to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view,
and it is further ordered by the Commissioners that copies
of said petition or abstract containing the substance thereof
and this order be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two
public places in the town of West Springfield fourteen days
at least before said 19th day of March and that notice be
given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations
interested that the County Commissioners deem a view of the
premises expedient and proper and that a view of the
same would be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid
and this petition was continued to this meeting and the
Sheriff of said County made his return as follows

Hampden Co. Feb. 11. 1851. I served the Town Clerk of W.
Springfield with an attested copy of this petition & order by
giving the same to him & also posted up in two public places
in said town an abstract containing the substance of said
petition.

C. Rice Sheriff

at which meeting the Commissioners made their
report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co. at a meeting of the County Commis-
sioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield
in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of December
in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and
fifty & by adjournment on the fifth day of February
then next. On the petition of Ralph Adams then
presented to said Commissioners, representing and
setting forth that the highway running in a westerly
direction from Main Street in Agawam
near the house of David Worthington past the house
of William Tappan to the new road so called from
Suffield to Springfield is crooked & very much out
of repair & soliciting the Commissioners to view
the same & make such alterations as the public
convenience might require as by said petition on
file with appearing. The Commissioners deeming
a view of the premises expedient, appointed
Wednesday, the nineteenth day of March then next
and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of
David Worthington in West Springfield as the time
and place for viewing the premises; and caused a
copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk
of the town of West Springfield being the town
within which such highway lies the alteration of
which is prayed for, thirty days at least before the
time appointed for said view, and also caused a copy
of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be
posted in two public places in said town; and also
gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of
said petition to be published three weeks successively
in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published
in said County. Said posting and the last publi-
cation of said copy having been fourteen days at least

before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had. Said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said nineteenth day of March two of the Commissioners met ^{at the time and place appointed} Melvin Copeland being not being present the meeting was adjourned to the next succeeding day at two o'clock in the afternoon at the house of said Worthington of which adjournment due notice was given to all persons present, & at the time & place last mentioned all of the Commissioners proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

A. J. Leonard } County
Melvin Copeland } Court
Wm. V. Sifions }

Which report being made and considered is accepted and the prayer of the petitioners refused with costs taxed at twenty dollars and eighty nine cents

Jason Washburn & the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden and others the undersigned proprietors of lands on Wilcox St. Springfield petition for an field Map, and residents in the same, the same being alteration of a public highway respectfully represent that a part of Wilcox Street in said Street is narrow inconvenient and unsafe to public travel, and that public convenience and necessity require that said Street should be made of uniform width from Main to Water Street. We therefore humbly request Your Hon. Board to view the same as early as convenient and make such alterations in said Street as in Your judgment the public convenience and safety demands and as in duty bound will ever pray

Jason Washburn & others

the foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners helden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

at which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view at the Court House in Springfield on Tuesday the 11th day of March next at two o'clock P.M., and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Springfield in said County, thirty days, at least, before the said 11th day of March, and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this ^{order} ~~thereon~~, in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstract containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Springfield fourteen days before said 11th day of March and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

and this petition was continued to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County made his return as following

Remondien S.S. Feby 8, 1851 - I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of this petition & order thereon by giving the same to him & also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. T. Rice Sheriff

at which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as following

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampton Ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampton, held at Springfield in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of December in the Year of our Lords eighteen hundred and fifty.

On the petition of Jason Washburn then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that they are proprietors of land in Willow Street in said Springfield the same being a public highway, that a part of said Street is narrow, inconvenient & unsafe to public travel & that public convenience & necessity require that said Street should be made of uniform width from Main to Water Street & praying the Commissioners to view the same & make alterations in said Street as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the eleventh day of March then next and two o'clock in the afternoon, at the Court House in Springfield as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Springfield being the town within which such alterations are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Republican a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said eleventh day of March the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard

The parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity do not require that the prayer of said petition should not be heard.

A. T. Leonard } County
 Melvin C. Leland } Commis-
 Wm. V. Siggins } sioners

which report being read and considered is accepted and the prayer of the petitioners refused with costs taxed at twenty dollars and twenty cents.

In conformity with a resolution of the General Court passed at their present session, granting a tax of twenty nine thousand dollars for the County of

Hampton, the same is apportioned upon the several towns in said County in manner following to wit:

Ordered that Mr. Rice Treasurer of the County be authorized to borrow temporarily a sum not exceeding eight thousand dollars

Treasurer authorized to borrow

In conformity with a Resolve of the General Court passed at their present session, granting a tax of twenty nine thousand dollars for the County of Hampton, the same is apportioned upon the several towns in said County in manner following to wit:

Apportionment of County Tax

Blandford	697.39
Brimfield	849.95
Chester	595.68
Chicopee	4373.25
Gunnville	530.30
Holland	196.14
Holyoke	2339.18
Longmeadow	1024.30
Ludlow	588.43
Monson	1198.65
Montgomery	203.41
Palmers	1619.99
Russell	225.24
Southwick	675.60

Springfield	8063.63
Tolland	261.51
Wales	297.84
Westfield	2063.12
West Springfield	2034.07
Wilbraham	1163.32
	<u>\$2900.00</u>

and warrants have been issued, dated May 22. A.D. 1851 directed to the Selectmen or officers of the several towns in the county, directing them to levy the same upon the inhabitants of their respective towns, and requiring their respective collectors or constables to collect the same and pay the same to William Rice Esq. County Treasurer, or his successor or order by the last day of August next ensuing as the Law directs

Order as to
Court Square

ordered - That hereafter the enclosure in front of the Court House in Springfield, known as Court Square, shall not be used for the purposes of exhibitions, celebrations, ball-playing, carpet-shaking or by any gathering for any purpose whatever, all persons entering said enclosure are forbidden to trample upon the grass, or molest the trees therein, and the Superintendent is hereby required to enforce the observance of this order.

Licenses

The following persons are licensed as Innholders at the places set against their names, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

James Wainwright	Union House	Main Street	Springfield
D.D. Winchester	Yankee Exchange Hotel	"	"
White & Mills	Hampton House	"	"
M & C. L. Chapin	Massachusetts	"	"
D.D. Winchester	American	"	"
Justin M. Cooley	Hotel	"	"
Hayden & Chavelland	W. S. Hotel	"	"
John Holroyde	Club	"	"

John Kelley Armory House on the Hill in Springfield
 Mason Randall Eagle Hotel " " " "
 Foster Shager Five Mile House "
 Willis Rowe Shades Sanford St "
 Wm. M. Tallmadge Bridge "
 J. M. Bliss N. E. House Water St "
 John Madden Market Street "
 Jeremiah Whalen Corner of Main & Ferry St
 Gilbert Nye in the Union House Blanford
 Henry F. Brown at his House No last part of common Brimfield
 Joseph Lapell at his House Chester Hastings
 Albert Wait at the Chipmunk Falls Hotel Chicopee
 Horace Adams at the Eagle Hotel Do
 Cresson Pinckleton Willimansett Do
 Amos M. Wheeler at the Collins Tavern Chester
 Lemuel Lard at the Franklin House Chicopee
 Rufus Mosher at the Chipmunk House Do
 Madison Kimball at the Cabot House Do
 Amasa Davis in the house lately kept by M. J. Dix Three River Village Palmer
 Elias Paul in his house in Thorndike Village Palmer
 Elias Turner in his house in Palmer
 Wm. H. Inwoodell " " " in Russell
 Lewis Chapman in the Lonsdale House in Westfield
 Micajah Taylor in the Pontreue House in Westfield
 Abram Bartholomew in the house occ- by Wm. Mack in W. Springfield
 ap. Ralph M. Kellogg at his House in Southwick
 Chester Crafts at his house in W. Springfield
 William Bates at the four mile house in Westfield
 Robert C. March at the Sunset House in Holyoke

April 8th & 9th 1851

The following persons are licensed to sell intoxicating liquors for medicinal and mechanical purposes only at the places set against their names

H. F. Gardner on Main Street in Springfield
 Wm. Hooker Jr at his store on the Green in Westfield
 Asa B. Clarke " " " " " " Do
 Henry Hollands " " " " " " Do
 Jesse W. Rice " " Dwelling house in Wilbraham

The following persons are licensed as common
victualers at the places set against their names
without authority to sell intoxicating liquors

Alexander Pease & Brother	Main Street	Springfield
L. S. Kellogg	" "	"
Pierce & Howe	" "	"
Solomon Smith & Co	" "	"
Stedman Barry	Rail Road St	"
Benjamin Spear & Co	" "	"
Butterfield & Lyon	" "	"
Heaswell Loomis	- in the building known as Loomis grocery in Westfield said business not to be carried on in the cellar of said building	
Levi Smith	in noble buildings in Westfield business not to be carried on in the cellar	
Rockwell & Sibly	Ice Building	Westfield

Accounts

Sundry accounts against the County being now
presented for allowance amounting to the sum of
four hundred & thirty two dollars & ninety seven cents
are allowed and ordered to be paid from the County
Treasury

Thomas Kirkland	1.75
H. S. Cady	34.99
Amasa Parsons	44.75
Croft & Kirkham	24.50
C. Rice	30.09
Merriman Chapin & Co	66.00
C. W. Bourn	41.20
F. C. Andrus	28.48
R. Bliss	56.95
Abel Pease	52.00
Norman Smith	11.00
Seth Mosely	22.00
Cheng Ingall	14.66
Samuel Bell	2.00
Samuel Daniel	1.00
	<u>\$ 432.97</u>

The following persons are allowed the sum set
 against their names in full for damages to lands
 by the location of Highways and the Treasurer
 is ordered to pay the same amounting to the sum
 of eight hundred and thirteen ~~and~~ dollars ~~and~~
~~eighty cents~~

Lands
 Damages

Abby Bates	5.00
Leah Bice	10.00
Lemuel Allen	5.00
Eliza Gaylord	20.00
Wm. E. Eggleston	5.00
Chas. Lee	10.00
Novie Cowles	6.00
Widow Bela King	3.00
Ezra Allen	2.00
Thos. Curran	3.00
Abigail Owen	4.00
Heirs of Whitney Barnes	5.00
Chauncy Clapp	12.00
Sidney Gridley	5.00
Rufus Owen	7.00
Sarah I. Searle	2.00
Town of Westfield	100.00
Parks Allen & Silas Loomis	112.00
Squire S. Ballards	117.00
W. A. Lynne	50.00
Oliver Moore	302.00
William Fingell	57.00
E. G. Fuller	60.00
	<u>813.00</u>

Settlement of Joseph R. Ransom

Hampden S.S. April 17. 1851 Judgment is entered
 up according to Reports &c and all matters not
 acted on are ordered to be continued and this
 meeting is adjourned without day
 Attest Rich^d Bliss Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden Co

At a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of June being the twenty fourth day of the month to the twenty fifth day of said month & by adjournment on the first day of July, and by adjournment on the twenty second day of said July & by adjournment on the fourth day of September to the fifth day of said month & by adjournment on the Eleventh day of said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty one.

Present Norman J. Leonard Esq. Chairman
Melvin Copeland " County
William V. Sepiors " Commissioners

C. B. Brown & others To the County Commissioners for the County of
Hampden - The undersigned Citizens of Brimfield
Petition for a and vicinity respectfully represent that there is a
Highway in public necessity, and the general welfare and con-
Brimfield venience of the citizens requires that better facilities be
given to the inhabitants of said town and vicinity
for general travel to and from the Western Rail Road
Depot in Warren, by straightening, grading, and oth-
erwise improving the present highway leading from the
house of Samuel Fere in B. Brimfield to the house
of Simon Coy in said town, being in distance about
half a mile thence by laying out a new highway in a
Northwesterly direction from said Coy's house in the most
feasible place to intersect the Warren Road so called
leading from Brimfield Center to Warren, between
Charles Brown's house & the "Red Miller Hill" so
called, in said Brimfield. And the undersigned
request you to make examination of said route & to take
such measures in the premises as shall be necessary
to secure the object prayed for
Brimfield Sept. 5. 1849 C. B. Brown & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of
the County Commissioners holden for said County on
the first Tuesday of October in the Year of our Lord

one thousand eight hundred and forty nine, at which meeting the Commissioners discussing a view of the premises expedient and proper gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of H. F. Brown in Springfield on Wednesday the seventh day of November next, at nine o'clock A.M. and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Springfield in said County, thirty days at least before the said 7th day of November and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order therein, in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view, and it is further ordered by the Commissioners that copies of said petition or abstract containing the substance thereof and this order be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy in two public places in the town of Springfield fourteen days before the said 7th day of November and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid, and this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine, and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows

Remond S. October 6th 1849 - I served the town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of this petition & order by giving the same to him & also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff

at which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Cambridge Sh. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampshire, held at Springfield in said County on the first Tuesday of October in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty nine. On the petition of Calvin B. Brown and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that public necessity and convenience requires the grading straightening and otherwise improving the present highway leading from the house of Samuel Stone in Springfield to the house of Simpson Coy in said Town of Springfield, and from thence laying out a new highway in a Northeasterly direction from said Coy's house in the most feasible plan to intersect the Warren Road so called leading from Springfield Centre to Warren between Charles Thomas house and the Ben Miller hill so called in said Springfield as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the Seventh day of November then next, and at 9 o'clock in the fore noon, at the house of H. S. Brown in Springfield as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Springfield being the town within which such alteration improving and location are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said Seventh day of November the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed

and proceeded to view the premises and
having viewed the same, the Commissioners
then determined to hear the parties at the
same time of said view; and having heard
the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded
to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer
of said petition; and after considering the same
said Commissioners did then and there adjudge
that common convenience and necessity
require that the prayer of the petitioners be granted

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which report being read and considered was
accepted & the roads or alterations prayed for
adjudged of common convenience and necessity
and this petition was continued from meeting to
meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners
holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December
in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and fifty.

at which meeting the Commissioners ordered
that notice be given to all persons and corpo-
rations interested therein that said Commis-
sioners would meet at the dwelling house of Sam-
uel Stone in Brimfield on Wednesday the twenty
third day of April next at 9 o'clock in the fore
noon for the purpose of locating said new high-
way & making said alterations & directing specific
repairs by publishing an abstract of said petiti-
tion and this order thereon, in the Palmer Journal
a public newspaper printed in said County,
three weeks successively, the last publication to be
fourteen days at least before the said twenty third
day of April. And it is further ordered by the
County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said
County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the town
of Brimfield with a copy of said petition and this
order thirty days at least and post up abstracts
containing the substance thereof in two public

place in said town of Brimfield fourteen days or least before said twenty third day of April at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to settle said highway and alterations & direct said specific repairs and would hear all persons and corporations interested therein who may then and there desire to be heard and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper by reason of the location of said road & of said alteration & specific repairs And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows

Hampden Ss. March 14, 1851. I served the Clerk of Brimfield with an attested copy of this petition & order by giving the same to him & also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition
C. Rice Sheriff

and now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County on the first Tuesday of October in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty nine On the petition of C. B. Brown & others then presented to said Commissioners representing and setting forth that there is a public necessity & other general welfare & convenience of the citizens requires that better facilities be given to the inhabitants of Brimfield & vicinity for general travel from the Western Rail Road Depot in in Waveren by straightening grading & otherwise improving the present highway leading from the house of Samuel Fane in said Brimfield to the house of Simon Cog in said town being in distance about half a mile thence by laying out a new highway in a Northwesterly direction from said Cog's house in the most feasible place to intersect the Waveren road so called leading from Brimfield Center to Waveren between

Charles Brown's house & the Ben Miller Hill so called in said Brimfield requesting said Commissioners to make examination of said route & to take such measures in the premises as shall be necessary to secure the object prayed for as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday, the seventh day of November then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of A. G. Brown in Brimfield as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Brimfield being the town within which such alterations are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published in said County, said posting and last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said seventh day of November the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of December then next at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and after adjudicating as

aforesaid said Commissioners appointed Wednesday
 the twenty third day of April then next and at nine
 o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Samuel Thorne
 in said Brimfield as the time and place when and
 where they would meet and proceed to locate said
 highway & making said alterations & directing said specific
 repairs and the said Commissioners having given notice
 of the adjudication and the time and place appointed
 for said location alteration & direction in the same
 manner as the notice and publication was given and
 made and as is by law in such case made and provided
 before proceeding to view except publishing an abstract
 of said petition instead of a copy thereof in the Palmer
 Journal a newspaper published in P County on the said
 twenty third day of April met and proceeded to locate
 said highway as follows, Viz. Beginning at the east
 bar post bearing South eighty nine degrees East twenty
 four feet & six inches distant from the North East corner
 of the upright part of Simon & Samuel N. Coy's house
 on Fleet Hill in said Brimfield then running North
 Seventeen & a half degrees East twenty rods & twenty links
 to a stone marked H. then North eight degrees East
 twenty two rods & six links to a stone marked H. then
 North Seventeen degrees East eight rods & six links to a
 stone marked H. then North four & a half degrees East
 twenty four rods & ten links to a stone marked H. - on
 this course a bridge is to be constructed to be not less than
 eighteen feet in length two feet in width the abutments
 to be of stone not less than two feet thick at the bottom
 & one foot & a half at the top & if covered with stone to be
 not less than three feet in length & the covering of the
 bridge to be brought up to the general grade of the road
 bed on each side thereof - then running North three
 degrees East twenty three rods & fifteen links to a stone
 marked H. then North eight & a half degrees East twenty
 six rods & eleven links to a stone marked H. then running
 North nine degrees East thirteen rods & fifteen links to a
 stone marked H. then North fifteen degrees East thirty
 rods & twelve links a dry bridge will be required on
 lands of James H. Brown eighteen feet in length six
 feet in width with stone abutments not less than six feet

in height the wall to be set up there two & a half feet
at the base & one & a half feet at the top - Then running
North fifteen degrees East thirty nine rods - A dry
bridge is to be constructed on land of Jonathan
Brown of the dimensions & structure & materials
of that above mentioned - Then running North
fifteen degrees East thirteen rods to a Stone marked
No. then North thirty nine degrees East thirty eight
rods & eighteen links to a Stake & Stones, on the
last mentioned course there is to be a wet & dry
bridge combined to be at least eighteen feet in
length & six feet in width. The abutments to be of
Stone two & a half feet in width at the base & eighteen
inches at the top - Then running North eleven
& a half degrees East thirty seven rods to a chestnut
tree marked, Then North thirty degrees East eighteen
rods & twelve links. Then North eleven & a half degrees
East eleven rods & seven links to a Stone marked
No. then North thirty four degrees East fourteen rods
& twelve links to a white oak tree marked No. -
Then North twenty six & a half degrees East twelve
rods & twelve links to a white oak tree marked No. - On
this last course a bridge is to be constructed eighteen
feet in length three feet in width - the abutments to be
of Stone Then running North thirty three degrees
East ten rods - Then running North thirty three
degrees East thirty five rods & twelve links to a rock
marked No. then running North twenty three & a
half degrees East twelve rods & twenty links to a
rock marked with holes - Then running North
five degrees East five rods & seventeen links to a
large rock marked No. - Then running North
twenty degrees East eighteen rods & twelve links
to a Stone marked No. - a bridge will be required
on this course of the same description & materials as
that last mentioned - Then running North thirty
seven degrees East thirty two rods & fifteen links to
the point of the most eastern part of three large rocks
Then running North thirty seven degrees East one
rod & three links to a small white birch tree marked
No. at the southerly side of the road leading from

Springfield Centre to warrant a dry bridge well be
 required on lands of Harry Fenton of the same
 kind of ^{structure} materials as that above mentioned: said
 highway is located three rods in width & the course
 & distances are given and the westerly side thereof
 The said Commissioners direct that the travelled path
 shall be constructed eighteen feet in width exclusive
 of ditches & that the centre of said path as worked shall
 be the centre of location - all stumps stones & other
 obstructions shall be removed from every part of the
 same to the width aforesaid & so shaped that the centre
 shall be eight inches higher than the sides by a circular
 curved surface - all small inequalities are to be
 reduced to a level on a regularly inclined plane &
 greater rises & hills to an angle not exceeding three degrees
 with the horizon - Drains ditches & bridges wherever
 they may be found necessary & for which specific direction
 may not have been herein before given, constructed of
 stone & of sufficient capacity shall be made at all places
 necessary for conducting away the water. Swamps & soft
 bottoms shall be raised at least two feet & at least four
 inches of the surface of the road to be travelled upon
 shall consist of gravel or other materials which shall
 be permanently hard. all sides of excavation or embank-
 ments must be made at an angle not exceeding
 forty five degrees - all necessary railings is to be put
 up upon the sides of the travelled path & of the
 bridges - all materials used in construction of the
 road & its appurtenances are to be well adapted to
 the purposes for which the same are applied -
 The said Commissioners have also located the
 following alterations in the highway aforesaid begin-
 ning from the house of Samuel Stone to the house
 of Simeon & Samuel Coy Jr; Beginning at a
 stake on the south side of the old road a few rods
 East of the house of said Coys then running South
 thirty three degrees West twelve rods to a stake at
 the North end of a new wall -
 another alteration commences near the foot of the
 hill at an apple tree marked 16. on the East side
 of the road near the house owned by John Clayton

then running South three & a half degrees East forty
five rods to third post in the fence North of the trim-
fields & Manson road fronting the brick house
thence in the same course to said last mentioned
road. The highway as altered to embrace all
the lands between the fences on the west side
thereof & the line above designated.

And the Commissioners aforesaid direct the
following specific repairs in the old highway men-
tioned in said petition viz: The grade of the hill
South of the house of Jonathan Brown is to be so
reduced as not to exceed five degrees - The top of
the pitch South East of Issachar & C. B. Brown
house is to be reduced so that the grade shall
not exceed one degree & the excavation is to be
deposited in the low grounds to the North of
said pitch - The same directions are to be
observed in regard to the width of the travelled
path the mode of construction as those given
in regard to the new highway above mentioned
except so far as specific provisions are contained
in this part of the report - The owners & occupants
of lands through which said highway is located &
over which alterations are made are allowed until
the first day of February next to remove their wood
timber & trees therefrom - The whole work of con-
structing said highway & making said repairs
is to be performed to the acceptance of said
Commissioners on or before the tenth day of May
next - And said Commissioners having heard
such owners of lands over which said highway
is located & upon which alterations are made
& specific repairs directed who appeared for the
purpose of being heard upon the subject of damages
occasioned by such location alteration & repairs
have proceeded to estimate the same as follows viz: &c.

Harvey Fenton one hundred & eighty dollars	180.00
Timothy Bliss twenty five dollars	25.00
Thomas Hubbard nineteen dollars	19.00
Theron Robinson seven dollars	7.00
A. M. & H. D. Briggs two hundred & fifty dollars	250.00

Jonathan Brown fifty five dollars 55.00
 James H. Brown twenty dollars 20.00
 William Brown twenty eight dollars 28.00
 amounting to six hundred & eighty four dollars \$684.00
 Issachar Brown released his damages & no other
 persons or corporations sustained damages in
 the judgment of said Commissioners
 A. S. Leonard } County
 Melvin Copeland } Commrs
 William V. Squires }

which report being read and considered is accepted
 and the road and alterations established as and for
 a public highway

Ramsford W.
 Kellogg & others
 Petition for a
 highway in
 Southwick

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
 We the undersigned inhabitants of Southwick pray Your
 Honorable Boards to view and locate a highway in the
 town of Southwick, commencing near the house of
 St. A. Holcomb thence Northerly near a piece of woods
 owned A. Lambson, thence westerly to intersect the road
 leading from Apollas Lambson to Westfield at such a
 point as Your Board may think proper. Also to discon-
 tinue that part of the old highway which will be ren-
 dered useless by the location of the new one, and Your
 petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray
 Southwick Feb 4. 1851 Ramsford W. Kellogg, & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the
 County Commissioners holden for said County on the
 fourth Tuesday of December in the Year of our Lord one
 thousand eight hundred and fifty,
 at which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of
 the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they
 would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling
 house of Norman A. Holcomb in Southwick on Thursday
 the eighth day of May next at 9 o'clock A.M. and it is
 ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said
 petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his
 Deputy, upon the clerk of the town of Southwick in said
 County, thirty days at least, before the said eighth day of
 May and that all other persons and corporations interested

them be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Westfield Newsletter a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition or abstract containing the substance thereof and this order be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy in two public places in the town of Southwick fourteen days before said eighth day of May and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Hampden S. March 23 1851 I served the town clerk of Southwick with an attested copy of this petition & order thereon by giving the same to him & posted up in two public places in S. Southwick an abstract containing the substance of S. petition more than 14th days before the time of S. meeting
C. Rice Sheriff

and now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of December in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty & by adjournment on the fifth day of February in the Year eighteen hundred & fifty one. On the petition of Ransford W. Kellogg & others then presented to said Commissioners requesting the Commissioners to view & locate a highway in the town of Southwick commencing near the house of A. A. Holcomb thence Northwesterly near a piece of woods owned by Apollas Sampson thence westerly to intersect

the road leading from said Lampson to Westfield at such point as the Commissioners might think proper also to discontinue such part of the old road highway as would be rendered useless by the location of the new one as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners during a view of the premises appointed Tuesday, the eighth day of May then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Norman A. Holcomb in Southwick as the time and place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Southwick being the town within which such highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in Southwick in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the News Letter a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said eighth day of May the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity do not require that the prayer of said petition should be granted.

H. V. Leonard

Philois Copeland

Wm V. Lefsons

County Comm^r

which report being read and considered is accepted and the prayer of the petitioners refused with costs taxed at \$22.67

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
Shews William R. Brown & others of Southwick in
said County that the public convenience & safety
require that the highway running to Springfield &
past Rockwell & Co's powder mill should be so altered
commencing at the foot of P powder mill hill
bearing a North East direction & crossing Moses
Loomis land & Capt. Laughlin's & from thence on
to said original road. & said petitioners pray
that said road may be altered as aforesaid for
Southwick Jan 10. 1851 W. R. Brown & others

W. R. Brown
and others
Petition for
alteration of
highway in
Southwick

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting
of the County Commissioners holden for said
County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the
Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and fifty. at which meeting the Commissioners
durning a view of the premises expedient and proper
gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of
said view, at the dwelling house of R. M. Kellogg
in Southwick on Tuesday the sixth day of May
next, at 9 o'clock A.M.; And it is ordered by the
County Commissioners that a copy of said peti-
tion be served by the Sheriff of said County or
his Deputy, upon the clerk of the town of South-
wick in said County, thirty days, at least before
the said sixth day of May and that all other
persons and corporations interested therein
be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition
and this order thereon, in the Westfield Standard
a public newspaper printed in said County,
three weeks successively, the last publication to be
fourteen days at least before the time of said
view. And it is further ordered, by the Com-
missioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts
containing the substance thereof, and this
order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy,
in two public places in the town of Southwick
fourteen days before said sixth day of May and
that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all
persons and corporations interested, that the County,

Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid. And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Hampden Ss. March 23 1851 I served the Town Clerk of Southwick with an attested copy of this petition & order thereon by giving the same to him & posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than 14 days before the time of said meeting.

C. Rice Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Ss. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of December in the Year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty & by adjournment on the fifth day of the succeeding February.

On the petition of W. R. Brown & others then presented to said Commissioners representing and setting forth that public convenience & safety require that the highway running to Springfield & past Rockwells & powder mill should be so altered, commencing at the foot of said powder mill hill bearing a North East direction & crossing Moses Loomis land & Capt Laphins & from thence on to said original road & praying that said road might be altered as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday, the sixth day of May then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of R. W. Kellogg in Southwick as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Southwick being the town within which such highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town and also

gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Westfield Standard a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was held, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said sixth day of May the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity do not require that the prayer of said petition should be granted.

William Copeland Esq. one of the County Commissioners being unable to attend notice was given by the other members of the Board to Elizer Bates Esq. who appeared & acted in his stead.

A. S. Leonard County
Wm. V. Sessions } Commissioners
Elizer Bates Special Com

which report being read and considered is accepted and the prayer of the petition refused with costs taxed at twenty three dollars & twenty seven cents.

To the Honorable the Board of County Commissioners New London County of the County of Hampden. The petition of the New London and Palmer Millmantic and Palmer Rail Road Corporation respectfully represents that they have laid out and located their Rail Road upon and across lands in which Charles B. Hittenger of Monson in the County of Hampden has an interest, and the part thereof so taken as for

Rail Road Co
Pet for assessment
of Damages

said Rail Road is described as follows, lying in said ^{town of} Monson and bounded Northw^{est} on the highway seventy four feet easterly on other lands of said Kitteridge two hundred and thirty four feet Southw^{est} partly on lands of said Corporation and partly on lands of Alfred Norcross eighty two feet and westerly on lands of said Kitteridge three hundred and thirty feet and the same amounts to one hundred and sixty one rods and three quarters of a rod of lands as the same is now occupied for the Rail Road of said Corporation as located inside of the outer line of the slopes of the embankments of said Rail Road as constructed.

And said Corporation also further represents that in constructing their said Rail Road as located they have taken for the purpose of said construction and as necessary therefor and upon which they have deposited waste materials stone and earth other lands of said Kitteridge lying in said Monson the same being a triangular shaped piece of land lying eastward and adjoining the lands above described bounded easterly on the highway two hundred and seven feet Southw^{est} on lands of Alfred Norcross one hundred and sixty two feet and westerly on the first before described tract of lands two hundred and thirty four feet and containing one hundred and seventeen rods of land and one tenth of a rod - both of said tracts of land being subject to an incumbrance of a right to convey water across the same in an aqueduct by Alfred Norcross his heirs and assigns forever. That your petitioners have not been able to obtain said lands nor either piece above described by voluntary agreement with the owner thereof - They therefore pray the County Commissioners after due notice to view the premises and estimate the amount of damages if any sustained by the said Kitteridge thereby according to law.

Dated at Palmer in the County of Hancock the 27th day of February, 1867, in and for the said County of Hancock
 By C. Torrey Atty

The foregoing petition was presented to Norman J. Leonard Esq Chairman of the County Commissioners on the twenty eighth day of February in the Year of

our bonds eighteen hundred and fifty one and it was
thereupon ordered by him that the County Commis-
sioners would meet at the Monson Hotel in said
Monson on Friday the eleventh day of April
next at ten o'clock in the forenoon to estimate the
damages sustained by said Kitteridge in the
premises & to hear the parties & adjudicate upon
the matters embraced in said petition.

And it is further ordered that the Sheriff of said
County or his Deputy give notice to the said
Charles B. Kitteridge of the pendency of this peti-
tion & of the time & place of said meeting by giving
to him in person or by leaving at his last & usual
place of abode a true & attested copy of said
petition & of this order thirteen fourteen days at
least before the time appointed for said meeting.

and this petition was entered at this meeting
and Elisha Converse a Deputy of the Sheriff of
said County makes his return as follows

Hampden Ss. March 14th 1851 By virtue of this
petition & order I have notified the within named
Charles B. Kitteridge of the pendency of this petition
& order & of the time and place of meeting by giving
him in hand an attested copy of the same

Elisha Converse D. Sheriff

and now the Commissioners make their re-
port in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden County Ss.
On the petition of the New London Willimantic
& Palmer Rail Road Corporation addressed to the
County Commissioners of said County & presented
to N. S. Leonard Esq. Chairman of the Board
representing & setting forth that said Corporation
had laid out & located their ~~road~~ Rail Road
upon & across the lands in which Charles B.
Kitteridge of Monson in the County of Hampden
has an interest & that the part thereof so taken
for said Rail Road is described as lying
in said Town of Monson & bounded Northerly
on the highway seventy four feet easterly on other

lands of said Kitteredge two hundred & thirty four feet southerly partly on lands of said Corporation & partly on lands of Alfred Norcross eighty two feet & westerly on lands of said Kitteredge three hundred & thirty feet & that the same amounts to one hundred & sixty one rods & three quarters of a rod of land as the same is now occupied for the Rail Road of said Corporation as located inside of the outer line of the slope of the embankment of said Rail Road as constructed. And said Corporation further represents in said petition that in constructing their said Rail Road as located they had taken for the purpose of said construction & as necessary therefor & upon which they had deposited waste materials stone & earth other lands of said Kitteredge lying in said Monson the same being a triangular shaped piece of lands lying Eastward & adjoining the lands above described bounded Eastward on the highway two hundred & seven feet southerly on lands of Alfred Norcross one hundred & sixty two feet & westerly on the first above tract of lands two hundred & thirty four feet & containing one hundred & seventeen rods & one tenth of a rod of lands both of said tracts of lands being subject to an incumbrance of a right to convey water across the same in an aqueduct by Alfred Norcross his heirs & assigns forever.

The said petitioners further allege that said Corporation had not been able to obtain said lands nor other pieces above described by voluntary agreement with the owner thereof & prayed said Commissioners after due notice given to view the premises & estimate the amount of damages if any sustained by the said Kitteredge thereby. And on the presentation of the petition aforesaid to the said Chairman of said Commissioners the said Corporation (by Calvin Lorry Esq. their attorney) as principal & Calvin Lorry of Palmer & Joseph Arnold of Westfield in said County as sureties entered into recognizance before the said Chairman in the sum of two hundred dollars for the payment of costs & expenses as by law provided & thereupon the said Norman S. Leonard Esq. as such Chairman of said

Commissioners appointed Monday the eleventh day of April then next at ten o'clock in the forenoon at the Manson Hotel as the time & place for hearing said petition & caused notice to be given to the said Kitteredge by causing him to be served with a true copy of said petition & of the order thereon fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said meeting & on the same eleventh day of April said Commissioners met pursuant to said appointment & order when & where the said Charles B. Kitteredge appeared before them in person & by William Prughan Esq. his attorney & the said Corporation by Thomas W. Williams Esq. the President thereof & by their said attorney & then and there entered into an agreement in writing subscribed by the said Kitteredge in his own proper person & by the said Corporation by their said President as follows viz

It is agreed by between the New London Willimantic & Palmer Rail Road Corporation on the one part & Charles B. Kitteredge of Monson on the other part as follows to wit:

1- The said Rail Road Corporation shall claim none of the lands of said Kitteredge beyond the inside of the walls as now built on each side of their Rail Road when the same pass through his lands except so far as it may be necessary for the proper repair of said walls which said Corporation have a right to make.

2- The said Corporation will leave the materials on the triangular lot as it now is & also will leave the other lands as they now are.

3- The Commissioners shall make their estimate of damages upon the basis of this agreement.

4th An Indenture shall be hereafter prepared & be signed by the parties hereto containing the above agreement in appropriate language to be duly recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

5th the above agreement was made for divers goods & valuable considerations which both parties hereby acknowledge - And thereupon the said Commissioners

proceeded to view the premises described in said petition & to hear the respective parties & their proofs & allegations & having maturely considered the same we proceeded to estimate & award the damages sustained by the said Charles B. Rittmeyer occasioned by the laying out, making & maintaining said Rail Road upon and over his estate and for the lands taken by said Corporation conformable to the agreement of the parties above recited at the sum of Six hundred & fifty one dollars & sixty seven cents

\$ 651.67

N. J. Leonard } County
 Mrs. A. Sessions } County
 Melvin Copeland }

which report being read and considered is accepted and ordered to be recorded and that the said New-London, Palmer and Wilburton Corporation pay the costs of the foregoing proceedings taxed at thirty four dollars and ninety cents.

Alanson Wamer To the County Commissioners for the
 said Petition for County of Hampden.
 alteration of R.R. The subscribers citizens of Granville in said County
 in Granville respectfully represent that the County road from
 the Guide post at the corner of the roads near
 the house of D. L. Paul in East Granville running
 northwardly to Timothy C. Tillotson's thence eastwardly
 to Westfield's Line, needs material alterations, and that
 said town for the last ten years has been burdened
 by the creation of new roads, and caused a great
 amount of labor and expense in keeping them
 in repair; we therefore pray that said Com-
 missioners would view said roads and order
 such specific repairs and material alteration
 as the public convenience requires, and
 apportion the expense thereof according to
 justice and equity

East Granville 13. June 1850. Alanson Wamer vouches

the foregoing petition was entered at a meeting

of the County Commissioners holden for
said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in
the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty
in which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of
the premises expedient & proper gave notice that they would
meet for the purpose of said view at the dwelling house of
John Gillett in Needfield on Wednesday the Eleventh day
of September next, at nine o'clock, A.M. And it was ordered
by the Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served
by the Sheriff of said County or his deputy upon the Clerk of the
town of Granville in said County, thirty days at least before
said Eleventh day of September, & that all other persons &
Corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy
of said petition & this order therein in the News Letter, a public
newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the
last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time
of said view, And it was further ordered by the Commissioners
that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance
thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy
in two public places in the town of Granville fourteen days
before said Eleventh day of September, and that notice be given
in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested
that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises
expedient & proper, and that a view of the same will be taken
by them at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the
County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tues-
day of October then next.

And the Sheriff of said County made his return as
follows.

Hampden sh. July 17, 1850. I served the Town Clerk of
Granville with an attested copy of this petition & order, by
leaving the same at his Dwellings House, and also posted
up in two public places in said town, an abstract con-
taining the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff

At which Meeting the Commissioners made their report
in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden sh.

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners of the County

of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty

On the petition Alanson Mann & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth that the County road, from the guide post at the corner of the road near the house of R. L. Bond, in East Granville running Northwardly to Timothy C. Tillotson, then Eastwardly to Westfield line, needs material alterations and that said Town for the last ten years has been burdened by the creation of new roads and caused a great amount of labor & expense in keeping them in repair, and praying that said Commissioners would view said road & order such specific & material alterations as the public convenience and apportion the expense thereof according to justice & equity, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Wednesday, the Eleventh day of September then next & came o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of John Giddie in said Westfield as the time & place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the Town of Granville, being the town within which said road lies, the alteration of which is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition, to be published three weeks successively in the Steam Letter, a newspaper published in said County, said posting, and the last publication, of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice, in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said eleventh day of September, the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then deliberated to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider & adjudicate upon the prayer of

said petition and after considering the same, said Commissioners
did then & there adjudge that Common Convenience & necessity
require that alterations be made in said highway or County
road between the houses of Eliam Strong & Henry Clark in
said Granville, and that the residue of the existing highway or
County road between the termini mentioned in the petition, can
be so far amended, as to dispense the necessity of altering the
location of the existing way, by making specific repairs thereon.

J. J. Leonard

Melvin Copeland } County

Wm V. Sessions } Commissioners

Which Report being read & considered, was accepted & the alterations & specific
repairs, prayed for, adjudged of Common Convenience & necessity.

At which meeting, notice to locate was ordered, but no proceedings were
had under said order. - And this petition was continued to the meeting of the
County Commis^{rs} holden for said County on the 14th Tuesday of December then next.

At which meeting, it was ordered, that
notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested therein, that
said Commissioners would meet at the dwelling house of
John Gillett, in Westfield, on Tuesday the fifteenth day of
April next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes
of locating said alterations and directing said specific repairs,
by publishing an abstract of said petition & this order chosen
in the Westfield News Letter, a public newspaper printed in
said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be
fourteen days at least before the said fifteenth day of April.

And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that
the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the
town of Granville with a copy of said petition and this order,
thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the
substance thereof in two public places in said town of Granville
fourteen days at least before the said fifteenth day of
April, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed
to make said alterations & direct said specific repairs, and
will hear all persons & Corporations interested therein, who
may then & there desire to be heard, and assess such dam-
ages as in their opinion may be just & proper, by reason of
the alteration of said road, & said specific repairs.

And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said
order makes his return as follows,

Mansfield p March 1, 1857

I served the Town Clerk of Gran-
ville with an attested copy of this petition & order, by leaving
the same at his dwelling house & also posted up in two public

places in said town, an abstract containing the substance thereof, - C. Rice Shuff - and this petition was continued to this meeting. Upon which the Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows,

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden sh

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty.

On the petition of Alanson Warner & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth that the County road from the guide post at the corner of the roads, near the house of P. L. Smith in East Granville running Northwardly to Timothy C. Tiltons, thence Eastwardly to Westfield line, needs material alterations, and that said Town for the last ten years has been hindered by the creation of new roads, and caused a great amount of labor & expense in keeping them in repair, and praying the Commissioners to view said road, and order such specific repairs & material alterations as the public convenience requires, and apportion the expense thereof according to Justice & Equity, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the Eleventh day of September then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of John Gillett in Westfield, as the time & place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Granville, being the town within which such County road lies, the alteration of which is prayed for, thirty days or less before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the News Letter a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days or less before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice, in like manner as described in the foregoing notice

of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time & place for considering said views.

And on the said Eleventh day of September the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the second Tuesday of October then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider & adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that common convenience & necessity require that alterations be made in said highway or County road, between the houses of Ebenezer Strong & Mary Clark, in said town, and that the residue of the existing highway or County road between the termini mentioned in the petition can be so far amended as to supersede the necessity of altering the location of the existing way, by making specific repairs thereon.

And after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the fifteenth day of April then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of John Gifford, in Westfield, as the time & place, when & where they would meet and proceed to locate said alterations, and direct such specific repairs, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication, and the time & place appointed for such location & directions, in the same manner as the notice & publication was given & made, and as is by law in such case made & provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said fifteenth day of April, met & proceeded to locate such alterations as follows, viz:

Beginning at a Maple tree marked H, on the East side of said highway as altered, between the house of Timothy C. Feltolton and the brook, then running North, sixty three degrees East, fourteen rods & twenty one links, to a small white birch with stones about it - On this course the Commissioners direct that the road be thoroughly worked - the rocks removed from the road bed and that the road be so raised at & near the bridge, so as to make an even grade from the point of departure to the bridge - then running North seventy seven & a half degrees East, forty six rods, to a stone upon the top of the hill, - the first twenty eight rods

of the last mentioned distance, the road bed to be so constructed that it shall not exceed a grade of two degrees, in any part thereof - a good bridge will be required over the brook, the height thereof to be not less than that of the present bridge - the abutments to be of stone, not less than seventeen feet in length - the south abutment to extend six feet eastward of the present, and the North to extend to extend twelve feet eastward of that now existing - the remaining eighteen rods to be built so that the grade of the road bed shall not exceed three & a half degrees - the top of the hill to be excavated not less than seven feet & the same grade to be extended into the next course until it runs out - then North forty six degrees East, fifteen rods & twenty links to a Cherry tree marked, (running upon land of said Tilton) sixty rods & twenty links) then North eight degrees West, fifteen rods & seventeen links to a small Hickory tree marked H, with stones about it - The top of the hill over which the road bed passes, to be brought down six feet, and the low ground North, to be filled seven feet - Then running North, twelve degrees East, twenty seven rods, to a stone -

The grade of the road bed, on this course is not to exceed one degree - then North, thirty one degrees East, eighteen rods & seven links to a black oak tree, marked, on the East side of the old road - on this course the road bed is to be so graded as not to exceed one & a half degrees, and the new road is to be extended beyond the oak tree into the old road so as to make a complete & convenient connection - This alteration passes over the land of Henry Clark sixty one rods - The survey for the above alteration was made on the Eastward, or right hand side of the location - Another alteration in said highway, is located as follows, viz, - Commencing on the East side of said road, at the South West Corner of a lot of land owned by said Tilton, at the South end of a Stone Wall, Southward of the House of J. B. Bancroft, then running South twenty five degrees East eight rods to a small yellow pine tree with stones about it, then South twelve degrees East seven rods to a stone, - then South ten rods & twenty links to a Stone bearing South, twenty two degrees West from the Southwest Corner of Bradley Demings house, & fifty one links distant therefrom the stone being on the Northward

side of a road passing in the direction of the house of Giles Rose - the Courses & distances are taken, on the Eastern side of the road as located. - the road bed is to be so constructed as not to exceed a grade of three & a half degrees in any part thereof. Both alterations of the highway are located, three rods in width. -

And the said Commissioners direct the following specific repairs & amendments to be made in said highway, described in said petition, viz, Commencing on the hill South of said Gilmott, & descending towards the ravine - the earth is to be taken from the present road bed, to fill up in the ravine below, so as to make the grade of the road bed, as easy as it may be made without rock excavation - In descending towards the ravine, two feet in diameter of the high ledge on the Southeast side of the road near the top of the last pitch, to be removed below the surface of the road bed and the ditch on that side of the road to be so lowered as to give a free passage for the water in the rivulet, on the east side of the road at its ordinary height & of sufficient capacity with the sluice under the road to carry off the water at all seasons - the rock to be removed from the channel of said rivulet on the West side of the road - the bridge over the brook at the foot of the pitch, to be raised one foot & the road bed on each side of it, to be raised to an even grade - the second bridge across the large brook, now covered with plank, to be covered with stone, and the log in said brook to be removed therefrom. The rock on the Southeast side of the road bed, nearly opposite two hemlocks, to be reduced and taken out so as to make a good passage way for water on that side of the road & the rocks in the truelson patch next West to be taken out - The crown of the hill near three hemlock trees to be reduced unless it should be found to be a ledge of solid rock - The bridge near the barn leading to the lot of Thomas Loomis to be raised one foot & the road bed on each side thereof to be brought to an even grade - The rock on the West side of the road nearly opposite two small birch trees to be removed, and also the rocks nearly in front of the house of Gustus Rose, to be taken out, a rock near the shop South of said Rose's house, is to be reduced & taken out below the present road bed - A sluice near the road leading to said Rose's old house, & one near the watering trough

to be opened - The road bed from the bridge near said shop to the watering trough to be worked crowning, & not less than sixteen feet in width exclusive of ditches, and from the watering trough to a point near a large beach tree, to be made an even grade. The road bed in front of Henry Clark's house to be reduced one & a half feet & the excavation to be carried on to the bed of the road on the low ground - A gradual slope to be made from the road bed in the direction of the house & barn of said Clark - a large stone is to be removed from the road bed near the watering trough - The road bed from the brook to the top of the hill, on the top of which hill, the road passes in a circuitous manner to the South, with an oak tree near the Eastern side of the travelled path, to be worked, so as to be at least fifteen feet in width exclusive of ditches, & to be brought to a uniform grade - The road bed the entire distance from Westfield line to Justus Rose's house, to be not less than fifteen feet in width exclusive of ditches, and the ditches, sluices & brooks, to be so cleared of sand, logs, stones, rocks & other obstructions & the road bed so raised that there shall be a free passage for water at all seasons.

Whenever there is excavation or embankment, the slope is to be not less than one & a half feet to one foot rise -

All sandy portions of both the old & new road, to be hardened with some suitable material to the thickness of at least four inches, and the road bed to be so constructed, that after hardening as aforesaid, the grade thereof shall not exceed the prescribed limits -

All necessary railing to be constructed the entire length of the road upon which alterations are made or repairs ordered - No mounds to be constructed across the road in any part thereof - The owners of land over which the alterations of said highway are located, are allowed until the first day of November next, to remove their Wood, timber & trees therefrom - The entire road and Bridges, as located & ordered to be repaired, are to be constructed of proper materials, and the work is to be well done & completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners, on or before the tenth day of May next -

And the said Commissioners have estimated the damages occasioned by the alterations & repairs in said

highway as follows viz

To Henry Clark	Seventy five dollars	75.00
Timothy C. Tillotson	Fifty five dollars	55.00
Bradley Dewey	twenty five dollars	25.00
		<u>\$ 155.00</u>

No other person or Corporation appeared to claim damages, & no other sustained any in the estimation of the Commissioners

N. J. Leonard }
Melvin Copeland } County
Wm V. Sessions } Commissioners

which upon being read & considered, is accepted and the attestation established as & for a public highway

County Commissioners Court June Term 1850

New London.

In matter of the petition of the New London, Willimantic & Palmyra Rail Road Corporation for adjudication of Damages for land taken by said Corporation for their Road, belonging to Addison Thompson and Jacob Thompson & others in the town of Monson -

Willimantic and

Palmyra Rail Road

Company

Set for a Jury

The said Corporation, ^{appears} from so much of the record of said Court of County Commissioners made on the tenth day of June A D 1850 as awards that the sum of three hundred dollars be paid to said Jacob Thompson for damages done him by said Corporation, and also so much as awards that the sum of two hundred & eighty three dollars be paid to said Addison Thompson for damages done him by said Corporation for taking his said lands for their said Rail Road. - The said Corporation feeling aggrieved by said several awards, respectfully request & petition said Board of Commissioners, for a Jury to determine the amount of damages which said Corporation shall pay to said Addison & Jacob, for their said lands taken by said Corporation for their said rail road

By C. Torrey, their Atty

The foregoing petition was entered at a Meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty. - At which meeting the Commissioners ordered

that the petitioners cause notice to be given to the said Jacob Thompson and Addison Thompson to appear at the next meeting of the County Commissioners to be holden on the first Tuesday of October next, by serving each of them with an attested copy of this petition and order therein thirty days at least before said meeting, that they may then & there shew cause why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October then next, - and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Stamperden ss. July 24. 1850

I have given notice to said Jacob & Addison Thompson each, by leaving an attested copy of this petition & order at the last & usual place of abode of each

C Rice Sheriff

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. - And now the petitioners withdraw their petition

Antimas Lane
Sett. for a Jury ss.

County Commissioners Court June Term 1850

In the matter of the Petition of the New London, Williamstown and Palmer Road Road Corporation for adjudication of damages for land taken by said Corporation for their Road belonging to Antimas Lane of Quonson in said County.

The said Lane appeals from so much of the return and decision of said Commissioners as awards to him the sum of One hundred & eighty dollars for damage done him by said Corporation by taking his land for their rail road and requests that after due proceedings in the premises a Jury may be duly summoned to assess said damages agreeably to the law in that behalf provided.

By his Attorney R. A. Chapman

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & fifty.

At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to the said Rail Road Corporation to appear at the next meeting to be holden on the first Tuesday of

October then next by serving them with an attested copy of said petition & order thereon, thirty days at least before said meeting that they may then & there shew cause why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

And this petition was continued to the Meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October then next. And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows

Mampden 22 July 24. 1850

I have given notice to said New London Williamantic & Patuxent Rail Road Company, as directed by the within order by giving an attested copy of this petition & order thereon to C. Ferry of said Rail Road Company

C Rice Sheriff

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the next meeting - And now the petitioner withdraws his petition

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden at their meeting held on the twenty second day of October in the year eighteen hundred & fifty, by adjournment from first day of said month,

Charles Alden
Pet for alteration
of Town Way in
Ludlow

The undersigned respectfully represents to your honorable board that the town way commencing at the County Road near the Red Bridge in Ludlow East of Sylvester Miller, thence running from said County road, northeasterly by Jonathan Wards & others to Josiah Aldens, thence to Delchaston line, is narrow & crooked, and that the public convenience requires that it should be widened & straightened. Your petitioners therefore request your Honorable Board to view said townway, make such alterations as the public good requires. Your petitioners having on the Eleventh day of October A. D. 1850 with other petitioners inhabitants of said Ludlow, petitioned the selectmen of said Ludlow to make said alterations, and they having on the fourteenth day of said October, unreasonably refused to make said alterations, and grant said petition.

Charles Alden

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty, - And by adjournment on the twenty second day of

said Petition - At which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient & proper gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at Hollins, Dipos in Wilbraham, on Tuesday the twenty sixth day of November next, at nine o'clock A.M. and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy upon the Clerk of the town of Ludlow in said County, thirty days at least before the said twenty sixth day of November, and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition & this order therein, in the Hampden Post, a public Newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view, and it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that Copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Ludlow fourteen days before said twenty sixth day of November, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons & Corporations, interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient & proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December then next, - And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows

Hampden 23^d October 23^d 1850

I served the Town Clerk of Ludlow with an attested copy of this petition & order by leaving the same at his dwelling house and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of the same more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting

C Rice Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows,

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden 23^d

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden held at Springfield in said County on the twenty

second day of October in the ¹⁸Eighteen hundred & fifty by adjournment
from the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred
& fifty.

On the petition of Charles Alden then present to said
Commissioners, representing & setting forth that the town-way, commencing
at the County road near the New Bridge in Ludlow East of Syl-
vester Mills, thence running from said County road, southeasterly
by Jonathan Waits & others to Josiah Aldens, thence to Delchinton
line, is narrow & crooked, and that the public convenience requires
that it should be widened & straightened, and praying the Commis-
sioners to view said way, and make such alterations as the public
good requires, and alleging that the petitioners on the Eleventh day
of October A.D. 1856, with other petitioners, inhabitants of said
Ludlow, petitioned the Selectmen of said Ludlow, to make said
alterations & they refused to make said alterations, as by said
petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedi-
ent, appointed Tuesday, the twenty sixth day of November then
next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at Collins Depot, in
Wilbraham, as the time & place for viewing the premises, and
caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the ^{clerk of the} town
of Ludlow, being the town within which such alterations are
prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said
view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the
substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town,
and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a
copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively
in the Hampden Post, a newspaper published in said County
said posting & the last publication of said copy having been four-
teen days at least before the time appointed for said view;
and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave no-
tice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of
the petition, to all persons interested, of the time & place for
commencing said view.

And on the said twenty sixth day of November, the
Commissioners met at the time & place appointed, and proceed-
ed to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the
Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same
time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commis-
sioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer
of said petition; and after considering the same said Commis-

sioners did then & there adjudge that the Selectmen of said Town of Ludlow, had unreasonably neglected & refused to alter said Town way and that the other allegations in said petition, were conformable to the truth

N. D. Leonard
 Wm. V. Sessions } County Commissioners
 Melvin Copeland }

Which Report being read & considered was accepted and it was adjudged that the Selectmen had unreasonably neglected & refused to alter said Town way -

At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons & Corporations interested therein that said Commissioners would meet at the Red Bridge in Ludlow on Saturday the twenty sixth day of April next at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of attaining the location of said Town way, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order therein, in the Post, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before said twenty sixth day of April. - And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the Town of Ludlow, with a copy of said petition & this order, thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said Town of Ludlow, fourteen days at least before the said twenty sixth day of April, at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to establish said alterations and would hear all persons & Corporations interested therein who might then & there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion might be just and proper by reason of the alteration of said Town way. -

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting - and the Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows. -

Hampton St. March 22^d 1857

I served the Town Clerk of Ludlow with an Attested Copy of this petition & order therein by giving the same to him and also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C Rice Sheriff

and now the Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows:-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County, on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty, and by adjournment on the twenty second of the same October. On the petition of Charles Alden, on said last mentioned day presented to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth that the town way commencing at the County road, near the Red Bridge in Ludlow, East of Sylvester Mills, thence running from said County road North easterly by Jonathan Wards & others, to Josiah Aldens, thence to Blitcherton line, is narrow & crooked and that the public convenience requires that it should be widened & straitened, and requesting the Commissioners to view said Town way, & make such alterations as the public good requires, and alleging that the petitioner, with other inhabitants of said Ludlow, had petitioned the Selectmen of said town, to make such alterations, on the eleventh day of October 1850, & that on the fourteenth day of the same October, the said Selectmen had unreasonably refused to make such alterations or grant said petition, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Tuesday the twenty sixth day of November then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at Collins Depot in Wilbraham as the time & place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the Town of Ludlow, being the town within which such Town way lies, the alteration of which is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Post a Newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been, fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons

interests of the time & place for commencing said view.

And on the said twenty sixth day of November the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of December then next, at which meeting the parties were heard; and after the hearing said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the Selectmen of Ludlow had unreasonably neglected & refused to alter said Town way, and that the other allegations in said petition are conformable to the truth. And after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Thursday, the twenty sixth day of April then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Red Bridge in said Ludlow as the time & place when & where they would meet & proceed to ascertain the place & course of said way, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for ascertaining the place and course of said way, in the same manner as the notice & publication was given & made, and as is by law in such case made & provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) in the Hampden Post) on the said twenty sixth day of April, met & proceeded to ascertain the place and course of said way & to locate the following alterations therein, viz.

1. Commencing at a stone set in the ground, on the North side of the highway leading from Jonesville to Three Rivers & near the Red Bridge then running North forty one degrees East, eleven rods & five links to a stone set in the ground on the West side of the old road -

The survey of this alteration is on the West side of the road, and passes over land of Sylvester Miller Jr. and the road as altered, is to embrace all the land lying between the line above described and the fence on the East side of the present travelled road - another alteration in said Town-way is located commencing near the house of Jonathan Wade commencing at a Rock marked H. and running

North forty five degrees East, then rods & fifteen links, to a stone set in the ground, the alteration consisting in widening the way on the East side and embracing all the land between the line run & the fence on the West side of the road as now travelled.

Another alteration as located commences on the West side of the way near the house of Elijah Olds, at a stone set in the ground, then running North fifty seven degrees West, East Seven rods & twenty links to an Apple tree Marked H, then North forty seven degrees East, Eleven rods to an Apple tree Marked H, then North twenty nine degrees East seven rods & twenty links to a Maple tree Marked H. - the line run, is on the North West side of the way, and this part of said way is located two rods in width - Another alteration is located, commencing North of the house of Olin Wright, on the East side of the present travelled road at a stone set in the ground at the North end of a board fence, then running North forty four degrees East twelve rods to a stone set in the ground - then North fifty five degrees East nineteen rods across Heron & Hawley land then the same course fifty one rods & fifteen links to the North West corner of the barn occupied by Charles Alden at the old road. This alteration leaves the old road, & the line run is on the South East side of the way as located, and the way is to be two rods in width -

Another alteration is made by widening said way North of the house of said Alden on the West side of the road and commencing at a Butternut tree Marked H, then running North thirty four degrees East six rods & five links to a stone set in the ground on the West side of the present road - the road as located, to embrace all the land between the line run & the fence on the East side of the present road, Another alteration commences on the East side of the road South West from the house of Asabel Alden commencing at a stake at the end of the road, then running North twenty degrees East eleven rods & five links to a stone set in the ground on the South bank of the brook the line run is on the East side of the way as altered, and said way is located two rods in width - Another alteration near a School House commences at an Elm tree Marked H, then runs North fourteen degrees West, thirteen rods & five links to a stone set in the ground on the West side,

of a Stone Wall - the survey is made on the Westly side of this part of the way as located and all the land between this line & the fence on the Eastly side of the present road is embraced in the location - Another alteration commences North of the house of Dexter Capron, at a Stone set at the East side of the wall, then running North twenty four degrees West six rods to the end of a wall: running in a Westly direction from the road - the line runs on the Westly side of the way as above and the way is located two rods in width - Another alteration commences still further North from the house of said Capron at a rock marked H, at the end of a Wall, then running North fourteen degrees East nine rods & seven links to a Stone set in the ground, then North thirteen degrees East thirty two rods & twelve links to a rock marked H, then North thirty one degrees East fourteen rods & twelve links to a Maple tree marked H. - the line surveyor is on the Westly side of the way as above and that part of the way is located two rods in width -

Pliny Wright, Henry Graves, Henry Graves Jr, Charles Alden, Abel Alden, Jonathan Wade & Sylvester Miller release all claims & damages occasioned by the foregoing alterations.

The Commissioners estimate the damages, to be paid by said Town of Ludlow, occasioned by altering & widening said way as above reported, as follows, viz,

To Hiram V. Hawley, twenty five dollars	25.00
Sylvester Miller Jr four dollars	4.00

No other persons or Corporation appeared to claim damages and none other are sustained by any others in the judgment of said Commissioners - The Costs of the proceedings in regard to said alterations, amounting to twenty three dollars & eighty nine cents, are to be paid by said town of Ludlow into the County Treasury of said County of Hampden.

Attest Leonard	} County Commissioners
Wm V Sessions	
Melvin Copeland	

which report being read & considered is accepted, and the alterations established as & for a Town way

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden
The undersigned respectfully represent, that at a meeting of the
Inhabitants of Springfield on the fourteenth day of April
last, Samuel S. Day and Marvin Chapin, were elected
assessors of said town, and that John B. Kirkham was
elected their assessor on the thirteenthth of May following
and that these Gentlemen have all declined accepting the
trust by taking the oaths required, and the undersigned
further represent that they do themselves decline acting in
the capacity of assessors, - they therefore ask that under
the provisions of the 36th section of the 18th Chapter of the
revised Statute, three suitable persons may be appointed
by the Board of County Commissioners to be assessors of
taxes for the current year in said town.

W. B. Calkoun } Selectmen
Oliphant Trask } of
Theo. Stebbins } Springfield

Springfield June 24, 1867.

Upon the foregoing petition it is now ordered
that notice be given to all persons interested that the sub-
ject matter of said petition will be acted upon at a
Meeting of the County Commissioners, to be held at Spring-
field within & for said County on the first day of July next
at 2 o'clock P.M. by publishing an attested copy of said
petition and order in the Springfield Republican & Post, three
days successively that they may then & there appear, and
show cause why the prayer of said petition should not
be granted.

And after a hearing of the parties, Samuel S. Day,
Marvin Chapin and John B. Kirkham, were appointed
assessors, as prayed for in said petition.

Whiston Hastings is licensed as an Innholder, without
authority to sell intoxicating liquors, in the Town of Newson
in the house lately owned by L. E. Townsend

License

Lyman Johnson is licensed as an Innholder, without author-
ity to sell intoxicating liquors, in the Rail Road House in the
Town of Westfield

Licenses

Leahurt Allen is licensed as a Common victualer without authority to sell intoxicating liquors, in the Town of Palam.

Arza M. Butterfield is licensed as a Common victualer without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors at Palam Depot in Palam.

Austin B. Fenton is licensed as a Common victualer without authority to sell intoxicating liquors at Palam Depot in Palam.

William B. Miller is licensed as a Retailer to sell intoxicating liquors for Medicinal & Mechanical purposes only in North Blandford. June 24.

Charles Barnes is licensed to sell intoxicating liquors for Mechanical & Medicinal purposes only at his dwelling house in Wales. June 24.

A. S. Benthall is licensed to sell intoxicating liquors for mechanical & Medicinal purposes only in the Town of Chester. June 24.

The votes for Register of Deeds for the County of Hampden, being sorted & counted, it appears that the whole number of votes is two thousand four hundred & eighty, necessary for a choice, twelve hundred & forty one - William Rice has twenty four hundred & seventy four and is declared by the County Commissioners elected.

The votes for County Treasurer, being sorted & counted it appears the whole number of Ballots is twenty six hundred & sixty four, necessary for a choice thirteen hundred & thirty three, William Rice has twenty six hundred & sixty & is declared elected.

Accounts

Sundry accounts against the County, amounting to the sum of twelve hundred & eighty dollars & thirty six cents being now presented are allowed and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury.

The following persons are allowed the sums set against their names, in full for damages, for land taken for highways, and the same is ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury amounting to the sum of Nine hundred & forty four dollars

Martin Stiles		30.00
Stiles Fox	{	48.00
Edward Stiles		195.00
Enoch Sackett		30.00
Stephen Benton		80.00
Justus Knox	{	236.00
Elijah Knox		50.00
Orville Philen & Brother		60.00
Volney Stow		50.00
Pattn Hooliday	(Orl Osborn)	110.00
		819.00

Welcome W. Bennett allowed on Pet of J. Range
for making road, in addition to
\$100 allowed Town, which is all
made payable to him 125.00

Hampden Co. Sept 14, 1851 Judgement is entered up according to Reports &c, & all matters not acted upon are ordered to be continued and this meeting is adjourned without day

Attest Rich^d Bliss Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden Co.

Let a Meeting of the County Commissioners begin & holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden on the first Tuesday of October being the seventh day of the Month to the eighth day of said Month, and by adjournment on the sixteenth day of said Month to the seventeenth day of said October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty one.

Present Norman J. Leonard, Esq. Chairman
Morton Copeland } County
Wm V. Sessions } Commissioners

Oliver Root & al
Pet. for Alteration
in highway in
Southwick and
Westfield.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
Your petitioners inhabitants of the town of Southwick respectfully represent, that a part of a road recently laid out and established by the County Commissioners, commencing near a dwelling house in Westfield owned by A. B. Whitman, thence southerly & terminating near Ransford W. Kellogg's dwelling house in Southwick, is located over land frequently over-flowed, and across a stream when it would be difficult to construct a bridge that would not be swept off by every freshet. - Your petitioners would therefore pray that an alteration in the location of a part of said road be made, commencing on said recently located road, in Westfield, on Edward Stiles land about ten rods north of the North line of Ernoch Sackett's land, thence southerly on the East side of Muns brook, and passing in front or on the East side of Walter Loomis's dwelling house, in Southwick, and thence southerly, terminating near the dwelling house of said Ransford W. Kellogg, in Southwick, and to discontinue such part of an old road in Southwick lying south of said Walter Loomis, and north of the proposed terminus of the location prayed for, as may be rendered useless by such new location
Southwick May 25. 1850. - Oliver Root & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a Meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand

eight hundred & fifty. At which meeting the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Lewis Chapman in Westfield on Tuesday the third day of September next, at nine o'clock, A.M., and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, upon the Clerks of the towns of Westfield & Southwick in said County, thirty days at least, before the said third day of September, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order therein in the news letter or a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered, by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstract containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the towns of Westfield & Southwick, fourteen days before said third day of September, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons & corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October then next.

And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Manipuden Id. July 17, 1857

I have served the town Clerks of each of the Towns of Westfield & Southwick with an attested copy of this petition & order, by giving the same to each, and also posted up in two public places in each of said towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the twenty second day of said October by adjournment from the first Tuesday of said October.

At which meeting the petitioners moved for leave to amend

their petition, which motion is in the words following to wit:

The petitioners move to amend the petition, by inserting after the word "house" at a place marked "H" the following words, "or on the West side thereof," and after the word "location" at the end of said petition, the words "or that the Commissioners will discontinue the whole or any part of said road, as the public convenience may require."

Wm G. Bates Attorney for petitioners

Upon the foregoing petition the Commissioners gave notice that they would act upon the allowance of said motion at their regular Meeting on the 14th Tuesday of December then next, and it was ordered by the County Commissioners, that a Copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerks of the towns of Westfield & Southwick in said County thirty days at least before the said 14th Tuesday of December, and that all persons & Corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a Copy of said petition & this order therein in the Westfield Standard, a public newspaper printed in said County three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said Meeting.

And this petition was continued to the Meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December then next.

And the Sheriff ^{of S. County} made his return as follows,
Hampden Co., Nov. 11. 1858

I served the town Clerks of each of the towns of Southwick & Westfield by causing an attested Copy of this petition & order to be delivered to them as above directed.

O. Rice Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows,

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.,

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners, of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty,

On the petition of Oliver Root & also then presented to

said Commissioners, representing & setting forth that a part of a road recently laid out & established by the County Commissioners, commencing near a dwelling house in Westfield owned by O. B. Whitman, thence southerly & terminating near Randolph W. Kellogg's dwelling house in Southwick is located on land frequently overflowed, and across a stream where it would be difficult to construct a bridge that would not be swept off by every freshet and praying for an alteration in the location of a part of said road, commencing on said recently located road in Westfield on Edward Stiles land about ten rods north of the south line of Enock Sackett's land, thence southerly on the East side of Munn's brook, & passing in front, or on the East side of Walter Loomis's dwelling house, and thence southerly terminating near dwelling house of said Randolph W. Kellogg in Southwick, & to discontinue such part of said an old road in Southwick lying south of said Walter Loomis & north of the proposed terminus of the location prayed for, as may be rendered useless by such new location, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Tuesday the third day of September then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Lewis Chapman in Westfield as the time & place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerks of the town of Westfield & Southwick, being the towns within which such road, the alteration of which is prayed for, lies, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in each of said towns and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the News Letter, a newspaper published in said County, said posting & the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time & place for commencing said view.

And on the third day of September the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the premises, came, the Commissioners

then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view: and having heard the parties, the said petitioners, thereafter, at the meeting of said Commissioners held at Springfield, within & for said County, on the twenty second day of October, in the year last aforesaid, by adjournment from time to time from the first Tuesday of the same October moved for leave to amend their petition aforesaid, by inserting after the word "house" at a place marked & the following words, "or on the west side thereof" and after the words "location", at the end of said petition the words "or that the Commissioners will discontinue, the whole or any part of said road, as the public convenience may require"

And the said Commissioners thereupon ordered that notice be given to all persons & Corporations interested, to appear at the meeting of the County Commissioners to be held at said Springfield within & for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December then next, and show cause, if any they had, why said motion should not be allowed, and that such notice be given by publishing an Attestation Copy thereof & of said order, three weeks successively in the Newspaper aforesaid, & by serving like Copies thereof upon the Town Clerks of each of said Towns of Westfield & Southwick, thirty days at least before the said fourth Tuesday of December, and on said last mentioned day, it appearing that said order had been complied with, it was thereupon determined, by said Commissioners, that the petitioners aforesaid have leave to amend their petition agreeably to their motion, & thereupon the said Commissioners proceeded to consider & adjudicate upon said petition as amended, and after considering the same did determine that Common Convenience & necessity require that the prayer of said petition, as amended, be granted.

A. J. Leonard Chairman of the board, being resident in said Westfield & not qualified to act, notice was given to Lucius F. Newton Esq. by the other members of the board, who appeared & acted instead of said Leonard.

Melvin Copeland } Commissioners
William V. Sessions }
Lucius F. Newton } Special Commr.

which report being read & considered, was accepted, and the

alterations proper for judgment of Common Convenience & necessity.

At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners would meet at the dwelling house of Walter Loomis in Southwick, on Wednesday the seventh day of May then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of locating said alterations & discontinuing said road, by publishing an abstract of said petition & this order therein in the News Letter, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said seventh day of May. And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy serve the Clerks of the towns of Westfield and Southwick, with a copy of said petition & this order, thirty days at least - & post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said towns of Westfield & Southwick, fourteen days at least before said seventh day of May, at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to locate alterations & discontinue said road, and would hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who might then & there desire to be heard, and assess ^{such} damages as in their opinion might be just & proper, by reason of the location of said road.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting.

And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows.

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners, of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty one.

On the petition of Oliver Root & others, then present to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth in said peti-

tion, and subsequently amended by leave of said Commissioners, that a part of a road, recently laid out and established by the County Commissioners, commencing near a dwelling house in Westfield owned by A. B. Whitman, thence southerly & terminating near Ransford W. Kellogg's dwelling house in Southwick, is located on land frequently overflowed, and across a stream where it would be difficult to construct a bridge that would not be swept off by every freshet, and praying for an alteration in the location of a part of said road, commencing on said recently located road in Westfield, on Edward Stiles land, about ten rods north of the north line of Quock Sackets land, then southerly on the East side of Munnus brook and passing in front, or on the East side of Walter Loomis' dwelling house, or on the West side thereof, and thence southerly terminating near the dwelling house of said Ransford W. Kellogg in Southwick, and to discontinue such part of an old road in Southwick lying south of said Walter Loomis & north of the proposed terminus of location as may be rendered useless by such new location, or that the petitioners will discontinue the whole or any part of said road, as the public convenience may require, as by said petition on file will appear,

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the third day of September then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Lewis Chapman in Westfield, as the time & place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerks of the towns of Westfield & Southwick being the towns which such highway lies, the alteration & discontinuance of which, are prayed for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said towns; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Stand Letter, a newspaper published in said County, said posting & the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like

manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all
persons interested of the time & place for commencing said view
and on the said third day of September, the Commissioners met
at the time & place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises,
and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof
was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners
held at Springfield aforesaid, on the first Tuesday of October
then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after
the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and
adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, & after considering
the same, said Commissioners did adjudge, that common
convenience & necessity require that the prayer of said petition
as amended, be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid
the Commissioners appointed Wednesday the seventh day of May
then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of
Walter Loomis, in said Southwick, as the time & place where
they would meet and proceed to locate said alteration
& discontinue said road, and the said Commissioners having
given notice of the adjudication, and the time & place appoint-
ed for location & discontinuance, in the same manner as the
notice & publication was given & made, and as is by law in such
case made & provided, before proceeding to view (except publish-
ing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on
the said seventh day of May, met & proceeded to locate said
alteration as follows, viz, Commencing at a Cherry tree, on the
line between the heirs of Edward Stiles & land of Enoch
Sacket on the Easterly side of said new road, then running
South one & an half degrees East, thirty nine rods & fifteen
links to a stake, - On this course a bridge will be required
eighteen feet in length two feet wide, with abutments of
stone two feet in height - then running South six degrees
West nineteen rods to a Bullbush tree marked, then
South fifteen degrees West, thirty five rods & eighteen links
to a stake at the Town line of Westfield & Southwick, two
bridges will be required on this course three feet wide
eighteen feet long, with stone abutment two feet high -
Also a bridge on the town line aforesaid of the same
dimensions as that last mentioned - Then South nineteen
& a half degrees West, forty six rods to a Cherry tree
marked - a dry bridge will be required on this course, on
land of Enoch Sacket eighteen feet long & six feet wide, with

Stone abutments six feet high, the wall to be two & a half feet at the base, and one & a half feet at the top - then South twenty three & a half degrees West, twenty five rods & eight links to a stake near an Apple tree - on this course a bridge will be required, of the same dimensions & materials as that first above mentioned - Then South thirty degrees West, thirteen rods & twelve links across Walter Loomis land, occupying one hundred & seventeen rods of land - Then South thirty nine degrees West, eighteen rods & six links to an Apple tree Marked - on this course a bridge will be required, eighteen feet long four feet wide with stone abutments six feet high two & a half feet wide at the base and one & a half feet at the top - Then South forty three degrees West seventeen rods & nineteen links, across land of Standford N. Kellogg - Then South forty three degrees West forty six rods & twenty links across land of Frederick Kellogg - Then South forty three degrees West twelve rods & six links to a stake - Then South six degrees West, thirty six rods to the old road, the two last courses, running across land of Loomis Holcomb, - Then South twelve degrees West, seventeen rods to an apple tree Marked - Then South thirteen degrees West, eleven rods to an Apple tree Marked - Then South twenty three & a half degrees West nineteen rods to a stake - a bridge will be required on this course eighteen feet long & twelve feet wide, with abutments of stone five feet high, two feet wide at the base & fifteen inches at the top - Then South thirty eight degrees West twenty six rods to a Maple tree Marked in front of R. W. Kellogg's house -

Said highway as altered is, located three rods in width -

The travelled path of said highway, will be required to be constructed so as not to be less than eighteen feet in width exclusive of ditches, and the center thereof shall be the center of location except near the angles which are to be so rounded as to make the turnings as easy as practicable - all stumps & roots are to be grubbed up together with all large stones, to be removed from the road bed and the surface of the road bed after being

judiciously ~~turn~~ filled, is to be left smooth - In grading the road all unnecessary undulations are to be avoided - all sandy places to be hardened & all soft places to be covered with suitable materials, of at least one foot thick - all necessary bridges not specifically mentioned, together with sluice ditches & railings are to be constructed - all the materials used are to be well adapted to the purpose for which they are employed & all the work is to be performed in a faithful manner & to the acceptance of the Commissioners on or before the first day of May next -

The several owners of land, over which said highway is located is located, are allowed until the first day of November next, to remove their wood, timber & trees therefrom -

And after the location aforesaid, the said Commissioners proceed to estimate the damages occasioned thereby, as follows, viz.

To Enock Sacket, two hundred dollars	200.00
Walter Loomis, one hundred & twenty dollars	120.00
R. M. Kellogg, Eighty one dollars	81.00
Fredrick C. Kellogg, One hundred dollars	100.00
Loomis Holcomb, One hundred dollars	100.00

Alvin Copeland
Wm V. Sessions
Lucius F. Newton

Which Report being read & considered is accepted, and the alterations established as & for a public highway,

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
The subscribers, inhabitants of Russell in said County, respect-
fully represent that a portion of the highway leading through
Russell being formerly a part of the 8th Massachusetts Turnpike in Russell
is subject to be overflowed by the Westfield River, and
is sometimes impassable, and the same ought to be altered on
the flat ground below the old Doelittle place and located
for the space of about twenty rods, southeasterly of where it
is now laid, or in some other place that shall be safe from
floods, and said highway is in other respects steep, crooked

Newton Bishop

at per, for
allocation of \$1.00.

in Russell

and out of repair - we therefore pray that after the proceedings in the premises the Commissioners will make all such alterations in said highway as the public good may require.

Dated the 25. 1850 - Newman Bishop & another

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & fifty.

At which Meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient & proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Henry H. Lewis in Russell on Wednesday the sixteenth day of April, then next at nine o'clock a.m. And it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy upon the Clerk of the Town of Russell, in said County, thirty days at least before the said sixteenth day of April, and that all other persons & corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition & this order thereon, in the Westfield Standard, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view, And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that Copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof & this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or his Deputy, in two public places in the Town of Russell, fourteen days before said sixteenth day of April, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons & corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient & proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the Meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year eighteen hundred & fifty one.

And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows:

Hampden sd. Feb. 28. 1851

I served the Town Clerk of Russell with an attested Copy of this petition & order by leaving

the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C Rice Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing as follows,

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Rampden ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty & by adjournment on the fourth day of February 1857.

On the petition of Newman Bishop Jr & another, then presented to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth that a portion of the highway leading through Russell being formerly a part of the 8th Massachusetts Turnpike, is subject to be overflowed by the Westfield River, and is sometimes impassable, and the same ought to be altered on the flat ground below the old Doolittle place & located for the space of about seventy rods, South Westly of where it is now laid, or in some other place that shall be safe from freshets, - And that said highway is in other respects steep, crooked & out of repair, and praying the Commissioners to make such alterations in said highway as the public good may require, as by said petition on file will appear, -

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Wednesday the sixteenth day of April then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of King H. Loomis in Russell as the time & place for viewing the premises, and caused a Copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Russell, being the town within which such highway lies, the alteration of which is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a Copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Standard, a newspaper published in said County, said posting, and the last publication of said Copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said

view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time & place for commencing said view.

And on the said sixteenth day of April the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties said Commissioners then proceeded to consider & adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition: and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then & there adjudge that Common Convenience & necessity require, that alterations be made on the flat land described in said petition, and another between the new house of Justin E. Loomis & the house of Lydia Andrews, and that the resision of said highway can be so ^{far} amended as to supersede the necessity of making further alterations.

A. D. Leonard

Wm V. Sessions

Melvin Copeland

which report being read & considered, was accepted, and the alterations ^{prayer for} as specified in said report, adjudged of Common Convenience & necessity.

At which meeting it was ordered, that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners would meet at the dwelling house of Justin E. Loomis in Russell on Wednesday the seventeenth day of September then next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said alterations & directing specific repairs, by publishing an abstract of said petition & this order thereon, in the Westport Standard, a public news paper printed in said County, then weekly successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said seventeenth day of September.

And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of Russell with a copy of said petition & this order thirty days at least - & post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Russell fourteen days at least before the said seventeenth day of September at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to establish said alterations & direct said repairs, and would hear all persons & corporations interested therein who

might then & then desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion might be just & proper, by reason of the alteration & repairs of said road.

And this petition was continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows.

Hampden ss. July 18, 1857.

I served the Town Clerk of Russell with an attested copy of this petition & order thereon by giving in hand the same & also posting up in two public places in said town abstracts containing the substance thereof.

Justin Wilson Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows,

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of Our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty.

On the petition of Newman Bishop & another, then presented to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth that a portion of the highway leading through Russell, being formerly a part of the 8th Massachusetts Turnpike, is subject to be overflowed by the Westfield River & is sometimes impassable, and that the same ought to be altered on the flat ground below the old Doolittle place & located for the space of about seventy rods Southwesterly of where it is now laid or in some other place that shall be safe from freshets, and said highway is in other respects steep crooked & out of repair, and praying the Commissioners after due proceeding in the premises to make all such alterations in said highway as the public good may require, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Thursday, the sixteenth day of April then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Henry H. Soomis in Russell as the time & place for viewing the premises, and cause a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the Town of Russell, being the town within which such alterations are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance

thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Westfield Standard, a newspaper published in said County, said hearing & the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested, of the time & place for commencing said view, - And on said sixteenth day of April the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of June then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider & adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that, Common Convenience & necessity require that alterations be made on the flat land described in said petition & another between the new house of Justin E. Soomis & the house of Lydia Adams & that the residue of said highway can be so far amended as to dispense the necessity of making further alterations,

And after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Wednesday the seventeenth day of September then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Justin E. Soomis in said Russell as the time & place when & where they would meet & proceed to make said location & direct in regard to such specific repairs, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time & place appointed for said location & directions in the same manner as the notice & publication was given & made, and as is by law in such case made & provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said seventeenth day of September, met & proceeded to locate said alterations as follows viz-

Commencing on the North side of the old road at the top of Gate Hill, at a stone, opposite to which point, and three rods distant therefrom, is a Butternut tree marked - Then running South forty nine degrees East Eleven rods

two links to a hole drilled in a large rock, at this point the highway as altered is four rods wide & the whole distance of this course is to be brought to a uniform grade - Then south twenty five degrees East nine rods & eleven links to a stone - the highway as altered is located four rods in width at this point - Then South fifty eight degrees East, one rod & eleven links to a hole drilled in a rock - then South seventy seven degrees East, nine rods & five to a stone - the highway is located three rods in width at this point, & a buttumut tree is marked at the east end of this distance - then South seventy seven degrees East, three & a half rods, the highway is located three rods wide at this point - No part of the grade of the highway as altered as above, is to exceed five degrees after being constructed, except the first course mentioned, substantial railing is to be put up wherever it may be necessary - the road bed is to be constructed eighteen feet in width exclusive of ditches & without mounds - all roots, stumps, large stones and other obstructions are to be removed from the road bed, and the road bed thrown up so that the water will pass from the center of the ditches - the latter are to be cleared of all obstructions that will prevent the passage of the water - The owners of land over which said highway as altered is located are allowed until the first day of January next, to remove their wood timber & trees therefrom -

Another alteration commences a few rods south of the late dwelling house of Justin Loomis at a Maple tree marked on the Southwesterly side of the highway, & from thence runs south thirty seven & a half degrees East, sixty three rods & nineteen links to an Apple tree marked, near the small brook - the line run is on the South Westerly side of the Highway as altered and the location embraces all the land between D³ line & the River - all necessary railing is to be constructed by the side of the road bed -

The Commissioners direct the following specific repairs to be made in said highway between the house of Major E. Bishop & Chester line viz - all stones that impede the public travel are to be removed from the surface of the road, - all ledges are to be removed or sufficiently covered with earth - all sluices & ditches are to be opened so as to give a free passage for water, & whenever sluices are out of repair new sluices are to be constructed of stone -

When the road shall be Turn-piked the travelling path must be made at least sixteen feet wide exclusive of ditches. Between the houses of Major G. Bishop & Henry H. Sumner near a small chestnut tree Marked I. the ledge in the travelling path must be reduced two feet & the road bed on each side thereof be brought to an even grade - A new stone sluice must be put in at the foot of a pitch North of a Walnut tree & the road bed brought to an even grade from the top of the pitch Northwest of said tree to the tree, the top of the hill being first reduced as much as it can be without rock excavation -

Railing must be constructed at all points when necessary for the safety of the traveller & no mound constructed upon any part of the road that may be worked - All the materials used are to be well adapted to the purpose & all the work must be done in a thorough substantial & workmanlike manner, & to the acceptance of the Commissioners, on or before the fifteenth day of May next - no person appeared to claim damages, and none are sustained in the judgment of the Commissioners.

A. J. Leonard
Melvin Copeland } County
Wm. V. Sessions } Commissioners

which report being read & considered is accepted, and the alterations established as & for a public highway -

Joel L. Bassett
at pet. for a
highway in
Holyoke

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
We the subscribers respectfully represent to your Honorable board that the public convenience requires, that a road should be laid commencing near the County line, where the Taylor route so called shall strike said line and running through land of Lydinkham Street Joel Bassett & others, intersect the rum brook route, so called at the most convenient point on or near Henry Tuttle's land.

We therefore request your honorable board, to view said route & locate so much of the same as public convenience may seem to require.

Joel L. Bassett & others

Holyoke Dec. 20, 1850,

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the

fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty, and by adjournment on the first day of February 1851.

At which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient & proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Manly Street in Hologate on Friday the fourth day of April then next at nine o'clock A.M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy upon the Clerk of the town of Hologate in said County thirty days at least before the said fourth day of April and that all other persons & corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition & the order thereon in the Hampden Freeman, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view, and it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof & this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Hologate fourteen days before said fourth day of April, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons & corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient & proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty one,

And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows,

Hampden ss. February 26, 1851.

I served the town Clerk of Hologate with an attested copy of this petition by giving the same to him & also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition & order.

W. Rice Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Mampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty,

On the petition of Joel L. Bassett, then presented to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth that the public convenience requires that a road should be laid commencing near the County line where the Taylor route so called shall strike said line, and running through land of Lydenham Street, Joel Bassett & others intersecting the dam brook route so called at the most convenient point on or near Henry Tuttle's land & requesting said Commissioners to view said route & locate so much of the same as public convenience may seem to require as by said petition on file will appear

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Friday, the fourth day of April then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Manly Street in Holyoke as the time & place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Holyoke, being the town within which such highway is projected for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Freeman, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time & place for commencing said view.

And on the said fourth day of April, the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, the Commissioners then

proceed to consider & adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition
and after considering the same said Commissioners did then & there
adjudge that Common Convenience & necessity require that the
prayer of the petitioners should be granted

A. T. Leonard }

Wm. V. Sessions } County

Melvin Copland } Commissioners

which report being read & considered was accepted and the road
prayer for as specified in said report adjudged of Common
Convenience & necessity

At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be
given to all persons & corporations interested therein that said
Commissioners would meet at the dwelling house of Chas. C.
Crafts in Holyoke on Thursday the twenty fourth day of
July then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the
purpose of locating said road, by publishing an abstract of
said petition & this order therein in the Hampden Freeman
a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks succes-
sively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before
said twenty fourth day of July, and it was further ordered
by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County
or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of Holyoke with a
copy of said petition & this order, thirty days at least - and
post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two
public places in said town of Holyoke, fourteen days at least
before the said twenty fourth day of July, at which time
the Commissioners would proceed to locate said road, and
would hear all persons & corporations interested therein, who
might then & there desire to be heard, and assess such dam-
ages as in their opinion might be just & proper, by reason
of the location of said road

And this petition was continued to this meeting - and the
Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order, makes his
return as follows

Hampden Co. June 24. 1867

In obedience to the foregoing petition of this day
notified the town Clerk of Holyoke as required by said
petition & order by giving to said town Clerk in hand, an attes-
ted copy of the foregoing petition & order, and also posting up
in two public places in said town an abstract containing the
substance of said petition.

Justin Wilson Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Stamford ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Stamford, held at Springfield in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty one.

On the petition of Joel S. Bassett then presented to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth that the public convenience requires that a road should be laid commencing near the County line, where the Taylor route so called shall strike said line & running through land of Lyndonham Street Joel Bassett & others and intersect the Ram Brook route so called at the most convenient point on or near Henry Tuttle's land, and praying the Commissioners to view said route & locate so much of the same as the public convenience may seem to require — as by said petition on file will appear —

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Friday the fourth day of April then next and being a clock in the forenoon at the house of Manly Street, in Holyoke as the time & place for viewing the premises: And caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the town clerk of the town of Holyoke being the town within which such highway is prayed for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view: and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Stamford Freeman, a newspaper published in said County, said posting & the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time & place for commencing said view.

And on the said fourth day of April, the Commissioners as met at the time & place appointed, and proceeded to

view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of June then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider & adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge, that the prayer of said petition should be granted and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Thursday the twenty fourth day of July then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Chester Crafts in said Holyoke as the time & place when & where they would meet & proceed to locate said highway and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication & the time & place appointed for such location in the same manner as the notice & publication was given & made, and as is by law in such case made & provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said twenty fourth day of July next and proceeded to locate said highway as follows viz:

Beginning at the County line on land of Lyman Goodyear at a stake then running the center line of said highway on land of said Goodyear, south sixty eight & a half degrees East ten rods & eighteen links, then North eighty six & a half degrees East, four rods, then North seventy three & one sixth degrees East ten rods & ten links, then South sixty two & a half degrees East six rods & ten links, then North eighty two & then fourth degrees East, nine rods & eight links, then South seventy seven degrees & thirty five minutes East, four rods, then South, thirty seven degrees East eight rods, then South sixty five & a half degrees East eight rods, then South sixty six degrees thirty five minutes East, seventeen rods & twenty links then South, fifty three & a half degrees East, three rods & fifteen links to land of Moses Thorpe, then on said Thorpe land, in the same course, twenty eight rods & ten links, then South thirty eight & a quarter degrees East one rod & thirteen links to land of Ichabod Howe, then on said Howe in the same course one rod & seven links to land of Sylvester Mungie then on said Mungie in the same course twelve rods & eighteen links to land of Manly Street, then on land of said Street, South seventy four & then fourth degrees East four rods

& four links then north thirty five degrees & fifty minutes
 East eight rods & twenty two links to land of Ichabod
 Howe, then on land of said Howe in the same course
 twelve rods & three links then North one fifty degrees East
 sixteen rods & sixteen links to land of Sydenham Street
 then on said Street in the same course eight rods & three
 links then North forty eight & five sixth degrees East, thirty
 two rods, then North fifty one degrees & twenty five minutes
 East twenty eight rods, then North sixty six & one sixth
 degrees East ten rods & four links then North seventy
 five & a half degrees East, two rods & fifteen links to the
 road leading from Bassett's to Westfield, then on the
 same course four rods & four links to land of David
 Bassett or Joel Bassett, then on said Bassett's land
 in the in the same course twenty eight rods then North
 sixty five & a half degrees East eight rods & eighteen
 links to a fence post on the southerly side of David
 Bassett's house then North forty six & a half degrees East
 three rods & fifteen links across the road, then on same
 course, fifty seven rods & fifteen links then north, fifty
 nine degrees East, thirty seven rods, then North sixty
 five degrees East, sixteen rods & twenty two links - to this
 point the road is located three rods in width - thence
 being located four rods in width, then North, thirty
 degrees East fourteen rods & eight links to land of William
 Ely, then North seventy four & a quarter degrees East
 five rods & fifteen links then South sixty five & a half
 degrees East seven rods, then North, seventy four degrees
 East five rods & three links, then North fifty seven
 degrees East nine rods to land of Henry Tuttle, -

The highway on the five last courses above mentioned
 is located four rods in width, being two & a half rods
 wide the southerly side of the line, then in the same
 course, the width of the highway being again reduced
 to three rods, four rods, then North thirty seven degrees
 & forty minutes East, eleven rods & two links, then north
 fifty three degrees East, eight rods, then South seventy
 eight & a half degrees East, twelve rods, then South forty
 one degrees East, four rods, then South, twenty eight
 degrees East, four rods & nine links, to the Center of the
 highway located on the petition of Ezra Allen & others

The line run is the center of the highway as located, and stone monuments are set up at the angles on the right or southerly side of the road -

The following directions are given for the construction of the road -

From the stake at the county line in station No. one, the first five rods must be graded so as not to exceed five degrees which will require a cut at the top of the ridge of from 2 then quarter feet - thence to stake marked 1, the grade must not exceed four degrees, requiring one foot cutting at said stake - this last distance crosses a ravine which will require an embankment to bring it to the required grade & a Culvert eighteen inches square in the clear the side walls to be at least one & a half feet thick, & to be covered with stone, one foot at least of each end shall rest upon the walls - Thence to stake marked 2, to be a true grade to the grade peg - thence on station number three the grade not to exceed four degrees & to be a true grade terminating at stake marked 3, one foot above the grade peg - then on station number four, the grade not to exceed five degrees & terminating at a peg at a stake marked 4.

The first part of this distance, there must be an embankment & a Culvert of the same description as that above mentioned - the last part of this distance excavation will be required to secure the grade - Thence on station number five the grade will not be allowed to exceed four & then fourth degrees and to be graded by the pegs at each end of the station -

Thence on station number six, four rods, the grade not to exceed five degrees & graded from the pegs at the station - Thence on station number seven the grade not to exceed five degrees, the grade to be from the peg at stake marked 6, and requiring a cut of one foot at stake marked 7, on some parts of this distance a cutting will be required of from two to three feet - then on station number eight, eight rods - this station crosses a Cart path which will require a filling of about seven feet, and a Culvert will also be required two feet square in the clear, the side walls to be two feet thick & covered with stone not less than four feet long & four inches thick, the grade not to exceed five degrees. & a fill will be required at stake marked 8, of two feet - then on station number nine, for a distance of sixteen rods,

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the grade not to exceed four degrees - forty minutes, then
terminating at a grade peg on the hill - Then beginning one
rod & seven tenths links North West of stake marked 10,
and running on stations 10 & 11, fifteen rods on a grade
not exceeding four & a quarter degrees - then to stake marked
at 11, a distance of two rods & five links the grade not
to exceed four degrees, requiring a cut at stake marked 11
of two feet - then to stake marked 12, on Mauley Street,
lot & making grade to the peg at said stake - on the
line between the lots occupied by Ichabod Howe and
Lydenham Street, a cattle pass will be required, nine
feet wide & five & a half feet high in the Clear, to be
eighteen feet in length, and to be excavated, four feet
deep with suitable excavations at each end, so as to
make a free passage for cattle & horses - The middle
of said bridge to be on the dividing line of said lots -

The walls of said bridge to be of stone two & a half feet
at least in width at the bottom, and two feet wide at
the top, and to be covered with timber & plank at the top -
the slopes & embankments on each end of the bridge, not
to exceed three degrees -

Then beginning at a point in line of said highway
seven rods easterly of stake marked 17 in David or J. L.
Bassett's mowing lot & then grading twelve rods at
two & a half degrees & filling one foot & a half at the
stake, then filling across the meadow one & a half feet
- also building a Culvert of the same description as that
having before first mentioned - then running to stake
marked 18, at the stake a cut of four feet will be re-
quired & running a true grade from the embankment
in the meadow - then on station nineteen, running
a true grade from the excavation at stake 18, to the
surface of the ground at the end of the station - then
on station number 20, this station crosses the road
South of David Bassett's & runs partly through his home
lot & partly on the pasture westerly of the home lot - It
will require an embankment of about one & a half feet
in the home lot in front of his house which must be
taken in the pasture that lies in the line of the highway
so that the grade shall not exceed two & one fourth
degrees on any part of this station - A Culvert will be

opposite East of said Bessette house of the same ~~description~~
description of that first above mentioned - On station num-
ber 21, a bridge will be required across broad brook, three
feet wide & three ^{to four} feet high in the clear - the side walls to be
two & a quarter feet thick & covered with stone -

This station crosses the meadow & the road will be re-
quired to be raised one foot - Station 22, crosses a swamp
a stone Culvert will be required two feet square in the
clear on the West side of the swamp - Ditches of at least
two feet in depth across the swamp will be required, &
the whole to be covered to the depth of at least fifteen in-
ches from the excavation required to grade Station 23, a
true grade will be required of Station 23, from the pegs
at each end - Station number 24, will be graded in the same
manner as 23, Station 25, to be graded from the pegs at
the station & not to exceed three degrees - Station 26, to be
graded from the pegs at each end, the grade not to exceed
four degrees - On station number 27, no grade is to exceed
four & three fourth degrees - On station number 30, a cut
will be required of about two feet for four rods west side
of the ravine - the ravine will require an average fill of
two feet, & a stake number 30, a cut will be required of two
& a half feet - on station number 31 two & a half feet cut
will be required at stake 30, and a grade to a peg at stake
31, closer to center of the Plum Brook road four rods &
nine links - The travelling path is to be constructed eighteen
feet in width exclusive of ditches, & to be worked in such
a manner that the water will pass from the road bed
to the ditches - no mounds will be allowed - The grade of
the road bed will be made uniform on all those stations
& portions not above specifically mentioned -

All embankments are to be made eighteen feet in width at
the top with slopes of one foot & a half rise to one foot
base, except when the slopes are walled - The Culverts to be
of such length as the embankments may require, and the
covering stone for Culverts & bridges to be of such length as
to leave at least one foot bearing on each wall, all trees
stumps, bushes & large stones, must be removed from the road
bed & the surface of the road left smooth - all necessary
siding must be put up at the sides of the road - all ma-
terials used in process of construction are to be of the best

quality & well adapted to the purposes for which they are employed and all the work must be performed in a thorough substantial & workmanlike manner, and to the acceptance of the Commissioners on or before the first day of July next.

The owners of land over which said highway is located are allowed until the first day of March next to remove their wood timber & trees therefrom.

Having located said highway & hearing all persons interested in the question of damages occasioned thereby who appeared who appeared for the purpose of being heard and considered the same, we have proceeded to estimate the same as follows, viz:

To Lyman Goodyear thirty five dollars	35.00
" Moses Thorp fifty dollars	50.00
" Ichabod Howe, Tenant by the County & the heirs of his deceased wife Eunice Howe sixty two dollars	62.00
" Sylvester Mungar twelve dollars	12.00
" Manly Street twenty six dollars	26.00
" Lydenham Street two hundred & thirty eight dollars	238.00
" Willard Oby twenty dollars	20.00
" Mary Tuttle twenty two dollars	22.00
	<u>\$ 465.00</u>

Whereto Crafts David Bassett, & Joel S. Bassett, release all claim to damages occasioned by such location, and no other person or Corporation sustain any in the judgment of the Commissioners.

A. J. Leonard } County
Melvin Copeland } Commissioners
Wm. V. Sessions }

which report being read & considered is accepted and the road established as & for a public highway.

Attest in Lyon Co.
Feb for a M. W. in
Monson

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.
Your petitioners of the town of Monson would respectfully represent that the public convenience & wants require that a road & highway should be laid out & constructed, beginning somewhere between Otis Bradfords dwelling house & the hill south of Newton saw Store & leading in a southerly direction terminating near the road leading to the branch Factory so called - as in duty bound we

was pray-

Morton Lyon & others

Monsen July 14. 1857

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty one,

at which meeting notice to view was ordered, but no proceedings were had under said order, and this petition was continued to a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June then next

at which meeting, the ^{County} Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient & proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the Store of Newton & Co. in Monsen on Tuesday the twelfth day of August then next, at Eleven o'clock A.M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the Town of Monsen in said County, thirty days at least before the said twelfth day of August, and that all other persons & Corporations interested therein, be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition & this order thereon, in the Palmer Journal a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, by the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said view, and it was further ordered, by the Commissioners, that Copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof, & this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Monsen fourteen days before said twelfth day of August, and that notice be given in Monsen aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient & proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows,

Monsen J. July 10. 1857

In obedience to the foregoing petition I this day notified the Town Clerk of Monsen by giving in hand an attested copy of the petition and order thereon & also posting up in two public places in said

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town an abstract containing the substance thereof
Justin Wilson Sheriff
And now the Commissioners make their report in writing
as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Rampden D.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County
of Rampden, held at Springfield in said County, on the
fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen
hundred & fifty

On the petition of Horatio Lyon & others of Monson
then presented to said Commissioners, representing & setting
forth that the public convenience & wants require that
a road & highway should be laid out & constructed, begin-
ning somewhere between Otis Bradfords dwelling house &
the Mill south of Newtons & Co. Store & leading in a south-
easterly direction, terminating near the road leading to the
Branch Factory so called, as by said petition on file
will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient
appointed Tuesday the twelfth day of August then next
and eleven o'clock in the forenoon at the Store of Newton
& Co. in Monson as the time & place for viewing the premises
and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the
clerk of the town of Monson being the town within which
such highway is proposed for, thirty days at least before the
time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts
of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted
in two public places in said town, and also gave notice
to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition
to be published three weeks successively in the Palmer
Journal, a newspaper published in said County, said per-
ting & the last publication of said copy having been four-
teen days at least before the time appointed for said
view: And before said view was had, said Commissioners
gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing
notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time & place
for commencing said view.

And on the said twelfth day of August, the Commissioners
met at the time & place appointed, and proceeded to view
the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commis-

them then determined to hear the parties at the same time
of said view: and having heard the parties, said Commissioners
then proceeded to consider & adjudicate upon the prayer
of said petition: and after considering the same, said Com-
missioners did then & there adjudge, that Common Conven-
ience & necessity require that the prayer of said petition
should not be granted.

A. T. Leonard }
William Copeland } County
Wm. V. Sessions } Commissioners

which report being read & considered is accepted & the prayer
of the petition refused with costs taxed at sixteen dollars
& forty nine Cents—

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

Luke Winchell & al

Your Petitioners, Inhabitants of the Towns of Granville, Tolland & Southwich
& Southwich, would respectfully represent, that the public convenience
& wants require, that a road & highway should be laid & soon
cut & constructed, beginning near the guide board at East
Granville corner & leading in a southeasterly direction through
the notch of the mountain (so called) and terminating in the
Lewins Street road, in Southwich, or to make alterations on
road leading from Stages to Strugs,

and your petitioners will now pray

September 1850.

Luke Winchell & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a Meeting of the
County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth
Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord One thousand
eight hundred & fifty one,

at which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of
the premises expedient & proper, gave notice that they would
meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of
Lefferts Sampson in Southwich on Friday the nineteenth day
of September then next at nine o'clock A.M. and it was
ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition
be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the
Inhabitants of the Towns of Granville & Southwich, in said County, thirty
days at least before the said nineteenth day of September, and
that all other persons & corporations interested therein be notified.

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by publishing a copy of said petition & this order therein in the
Westfield Standard a public newspaper printed in said County
three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days
at least before the time of said view: And it was further
ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or
abstracts containing the substance thereof & this order, be posted
up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the towns
of Granville & Southwick fourteen days before the said nineteenth
day of September and that notice be given in manner afore-
said to all persons & corporations interested, that the County
Commissioners deem a view of the premises & petition was
proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them
at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to this meeting, and
the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows

Hampden ss. July 5. 1851.

In obedience to the foregoing petition
I this day notified the town Clerks of Granville & Southwick
by giving in hands an attested copy of this petition & order
therein, and also posting up in two public places in each
town abstracts containing the substance thereof.

Justin Wilson Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing
as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the
County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County, on
the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen
hundred & fifty one.

On the petition of Luke Winchell & others, then presen-
ted to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth, that
the public convenience & wants require that a highway should
be laid out, beginning near the guide board at E. Granville
Corner and leading in a North easterly direction, through
the notch of the Mountain, terminating in the Loomis Street
road in Southwick, or to make alterations on road lead-
ing from Roses to Strong's - as by said petition on file
will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises neces-
sary, appointed Friday the nineteenth day of September

then met and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of
Asphes Sampson in Southwick as the time & place for viewing
the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served
upon the Clerks of the towns of Southwick & Granville being
the towns within which such location is prayed for, thirty days
at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused
an abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof
to be posted in two public places in said towns and also gave
notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said peti-
tion to be published three weeks successively in the Standard
a newspaper published in said County, said posting & the last
publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least
before the time appointed for said view; and before said view
was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as
described in the foregoing section of the petition, to all persons
interested, of the time & place for commencing said view.

And on the said nineteenth day of September the Commis-
sioners met at the time & place appointed, and proceeded to
view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commis-
sioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time
of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commis-
sioners then proceeded to consider & adjudicate upon the prayer
of said petition, and after considering the same, said Com-
missioners did then & there adjudge, that Common Law Conventions
& necessity do not require that the prayer of said petition
should be granted.

A. T. Leonard
Melvin Copeland } County
Wm. V. Sessions } Commissioners

which report being read & considered is accepted, and the
prayer of the petitioners refused, with Costs taxed at twenty
six dollars & fifty cents.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
In compliance with a vote of the Town of Westfield at a
legal meeting of the voters of said Town, we the subscribers
Selectmen of said Town, petition your honorable body to dis-
continue the road laid out by said Commissioners leading
from the house of Samuel Bowler in Westfield to the Owen
road so called. As in duty bound we will ever pray.

Dennis Hedges & others

Dennis Hedges & others
Pet. for discontinuance
of Highway in
Westfield

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty one.

At which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient & proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view at the dwelling house of Lewis Chapman in Westfield, on Monday the Eleventh day of August then next, at two o'clock P.M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners, that a Copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Westfield, in said County, thirty days at least, before the said Eleventh day of August, and that all other persons & Corporations interested therein, be notified, by publishing a Copy of said petition & this order therein, in the Westfield Steam Letter, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the time of said view, and it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof & this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Westfield, fourteen days before the said Eleventh day of August, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient & proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County makes his return in writing as follows.

Hampden Co. July 5, 1857

In obedience to the foregoing petition I this day notified the Town Clerk of Westfield by giving in hand an attested Copy of this petition & order therein, and also posting up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance thereof.

Justin Wilson Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Governments of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of
Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of
June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty one

On the petition of Dennis Hedges, then presented to said Commis-
sioners, representing & setting forth that in compliance with a vote
of the town of Westfield at a legal Meeting of the voters of said
town, they petition said Commissioners to discontinue the road
laid out by said Commissioners leading from the house of
Samuel Cowles in Westfield to the Over road or called,
as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises expedient,
appointed Monday, the Eleventh day of August then next, and
nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Lewis Chapman in
said Westfield, as the time & place for viewing the premises; and
caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of
the town of Westfield, being the town within which such discon-
tinuance of said highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before
the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said
petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public
places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons inter-
ested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three
weeks successively in the News Letter, a newspaper published in
said County, said posting & the last publication of said copy
having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed
for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners
gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice
of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time & place for
commencing said view.

And on the same Eleventh day of August the Commis-
sioners met at the time & place appointed, and proceeded to
view the premises; and having viewed the same, the com-
missioners then determined to hear the parties at the same
time of said view; and having heard the parties, said
Commissioners then proceeded to consider & adjudicate upon
the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same,
said Commissioners did then & there adjudge that common
convenience & necessity require that the prayer of said petition
should not be granted.

A. T. Leonard Chairman of the Board being resident

in said Westfield, notice was given by the other members of the board, to Lucius F. Newton Esq, one of the special Commissioners, who appeared & acted instead of said Leonard.

Attest Copeland

Wth V. Sessions

Lucius F. Newton

which report being read & considered, is accepted and the prayer of the petitioners refused with costs taxed at twenty seven dollars & twenty nine cents.

Section Hyde saw
for alteration
of R. R. in
Monsen

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
The subscribers, Citizens of Monsen, respectfully represent, that it will be a great public improvement, to so alter the line of the highway on the West side, running south from the rail road bridge in the Center of said Monsen so that the line may be straight, from the South West Corner of said Bridge to the North East Corner of the land of Chas. M. Pease, bounded on said highway; and also that it will be a public improvement & convenience, that a Bank Wall be built on the West side of the said highway, running north from the corner of said Bridge about four rods in length; They therefore request that your Honorable Board will view & alter said line and grant permission to build said Wall

Section Hyde & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty one,

at which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient & proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the Monsen Hotel in Monsen on Thursday the fourteenth day of August then next, at nine o'clock A. M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy upon the Clerk of the town of Monsen, in said County, thirty days at least, before the said fourteenth day of August, and that all other persons & Corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said

of said petition & the order therein in the Palmer Journal, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view: and it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition or abstracts containing the substance thereof & the order, be posted up by said Sheriff or deputy, in two public places in the town of Monson, fourteen days before said fourteenth day of August, and that notice be given in monson aforesaid to all persons & Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows,

Stampden 8 July 9. 1857.

In obedience to the foregoing petition, I this day notified the Town Clerk of Monson by giving in hand an attested copy of this petition & order therein, also posting up in two public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance thereof,

Justin Wilson Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows,

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Stampden 20.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty one,

On the petition of Tertius Hyde & others then presented to said Commissioners representing & setting forth that it would be a great public improvement to so alter the line of the highway on the Westly side running south from the Rail Road Bridge in the Center of said Monson so that the line may be straight from the Southwest Corner of said Bridge to the Northeast Corner of the land of Osgood M. Pease, bounded on said highway and also that it will be a public improvement & convenience that a Bank Wall be built on the Westly side of said highway running North from the Corner of said bridge about four rods in width length & praying the Commissioners to view and alter said line & grant permission

to build said Wall, as by said petition on file will appear.
 The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Thursday the fourteenth day of August their next at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Monson Hotel in Monson as the time & place for viewing the premises, and caused a Copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the Town of Monson, being the town within which such action is proper for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town: and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a Copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Palmyra Journal, a newspaper published in said County, said posting & the last publication of said Copy, having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time & place for commencing said view.

And on the said fourteenth day of August, the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same said Commissioners did then & there adjudge that common Convenience & necessity do not require that the prayer of said petition should be granted.

A. J. Leonard

Alvin Copeland

Wm V. Sessions

which report being read & considered is accepted and the prayer of the petitioner refused with costs taxed at sixteen dollars & forty nine cents.

Daniel D. Moody
 sol. for H. W.
 in Monson

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
 The undersigned Citizens of Monson respectfully represent to your Hon. Board, that public Convenience & necessity require that a public highway be laid out & established as follows to wit, beginning at the Depot in the Center of

of said Altonson & running southerly to intersect the road leading from Altonson to Stafford at the most convenient point.

They therefore request your Hon. Board to view, lay out and establish the same as a public highway.

Altonson April 21. 1857

Daniel D. Moody & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holding for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty one,

at which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient & proper, gave notice that they would meet at the Altonson Hotel in Altonson on Wednesday the thirtieth day of August then next at nine o'clock a.m.

and it was ordered by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the Town of Altonson, in said County, thirty days at least, before the said thirtieth day of August and that all other persons & Corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition & this order therein in the Salem Journal, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners that copies of said petition or abstracts containing the substance thereof & this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Altonson fourteen days before said thirtieth day of August, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient & proper and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was returned to this Court, and the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows,

Recampden ss. July 9. 1857.

In obedience to the foregoing petition & this day notified the Town Clerk of Altonson by giving in hand an attested copy of this petition & order thereon, also posting up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance thereof. Justin Wilson Sheriff

and now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty one.

On the petition of Daniel D. Moody & others, Citizens of Monson then presented to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth that public convenience & necessity require that a public highway be laid out & established as follows, viz. beginning at the Depot in the Center of said Monson & running Southwesterly to intersect the road leading from Monson to Stafford at the most convenient point, and praying the Commissioners to view lay out & establish the same as a public highway, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the thirteenth day of August the next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Monson Hotel, in Monson, as the time & place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Monson, being the town within which such Highway is prayed for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Palmer Journal, a newspaper published in said County, said posting & the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time & place for commencing said view.

And on said thirteenth day of August, the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same

time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider & adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then & there adjudge, that Common convenience & necessity require that prayer of said petition should not be granted.

A. J. Leonard } County
Melvin Copeland } Commissioners
1st & 2nd Sessions

which report being read & considered, is accepted, and the prayer of the petitioners refused with costs taxed at sixteen dollars & forty nine cents.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, we the subscribers, a Committee chosen by the Town of
Brimfield, do take such action as was in our
Judgment thought best, in reference to a road, set
located for by C. B. Brown & others, located by your
Honorable Board, on a Report of your predecessors, in
Office, do Humbly Petition your Honorable Board, to dis-
continue the said located road, or should you not
discontinue, to make such alterations as in your wis-
dom may be thought expedient.

Brimfield April 24th 1857.

Alfred Thomas }
C. B. Brown } Committee
J. W. Page }

Alfred Thomas
Set for Discontin-
ance or Alteration
of Highway in
Brimfield
report

The foregoing petition was entered at a Meeting of the County Commissioners, holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred & fifty one, at which Meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient & proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of H. J. Brown in Brimfield, on Thursday the twenty first day of August, then next, at nine o'clock A.M., and it was ordered by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy upon the Clerk of the town of Brimfield in said County, thirty days at least before the said twenty first day of August, and that all other persons and

Corporations interested therein, be notified by publishing a Copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Salem Journal, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view, and it was further ordered, by the Commissioners, that Copies of said petition, or abstract, containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Springfield fourteen days before said twenty first day of August and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons & Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient & proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows.

Hampden Co. July 8. 1857

In obedience to the foregoing petition, I this day notified the town Clerk of Springfield by giving in hand an attested Copy of this petition & order thereon, also posting up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance thereof

Justin Wilson Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & fifty one.

On the petition of Almond Wooner & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth, that they are a Committee Chosen by the Town of Springfield, to take such action as in the judgment of said Committee should be thought best in reference to a road petitioned for by B. B. Brown & others, located by said Commissioners, and praying the Commissioners to discontinue the said located road, or if the

Commissioners should not discontinue, to make such
alterations as in their wisdom might be thought expedient,
as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of premises expedient
appointed Thursday, the twenty first day of August, then
next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the House of
H. F. Brown, in Brimfield, as the time & place for view-
ing the premises: and caused a copy of said petition to
be served upon the Clerk of the town of Brimfield, being
the town within which such highway lies, the discontinu-
ance of which is prayed for, thirty days at least before
the time appointed for said view, and also caused
abstracts of said petition, containing the substance
thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town.
And also gave notice to all persons interested, by
causing a copy of said petition to be published, three
weeks successively in the Palmer Journal, a newspaper
published in said County, said posting and the last
publication of said copy having been fourteen days at
least, before the time appointed for said view: and
before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice
in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of
the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and
place for commencing said view.

And on the said twenty first day of August the
Commissioners met at the time & place appointed
and proceeded to view the premises, and having view-
ed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear
the parties at the same time of said view, and having
heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded
to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said
petition; And after considering the same, said Commis-
sioners did then & there adjudge, that Common Conven-
ience & necessity require, that the highway located upon
the petition of C. B. Brown & others, aforesaid, should
be discontinued, so far as relates to the new road
located North of the House of Simon Coy -

Melvin Copeland Coy, one of the Commissioners
being unable to attend said view & hearing, notice was
given by the other members of the Board to Lucius F.
Newton Coy, one of the Special Commissioners, who appeared

and acted in his stead -

A. J. Leonard } County Commissioners
W. V. Sessions }

= Lucius F. Newton } Special

which report being read & considered, is accepted, and the highway discontinued as specified in said report.

Jonathan Collis et al To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

Set for H. W. and
Attention in
Brimfield

The undersigned Citizens of Brimfield & vicinity, Respectfully represent, that there is a public necessity, and the general welfare & convenience of the Citizens requires, that better facilities be given to the inhabitants of said town & vicinity, for general travel, to and from the Western Rail Road Depot in Palmer, by straightening, grading and otherwise improving the present Highway, leading from the Eastern terminus of highway recently built, by the house of James Nutting, in said Brimfield, to the head of the road near the house of William E. Hitchcock in said town, being in distance about three fourths of a mile, thence by laying out a new highway, in a Southeastly direction from near the house of said Hitchcock, in the most feasible place, to intersect the Warren Road, so called, leading from Brimfield Center to Warren, between "Bow Miller Mill" so called, and a large Elm Tree in said highway, against land of Harvey Denton, in said Brimfield, and the undersigned request you to make examination of said route, and to take such measures in the premises, as shall be necessary to secure the object prayed for.

Jonathan Collis & others

Brimfield June 19, 1851. -

The foregoing petition was entered at a Meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred & fifty one,

at which Meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient & proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of C. R. Brown in Brimfield on Friday the fifteenth day of August, then next, at

min o'clock A.M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners, that a Copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the Town of Brimfield, in said County, thirty days at least before the said fifteenth day of August, and that all other persons & Corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a Copy of said petition & this order thereon, in the Patriot Journal, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that Copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or deputy, in two public places in the town of Brimfield, fourteen days before said fifteenth day of August, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid, to all persons & Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient & proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to this Meeting, and the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows
Hampden Co. July 8. 1857.

In obedience to the foregoing petition I this day notified the town Clerk of Brimfield, by giving in hand an attested copy of this petition & order thereon, also posting up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance thereof.

Justin Wilson Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden held at Springfield, in said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty one

On the petition of Jonathan Collins & others, then Citizens of Brimfield, then presented to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth that there is a public necessity, and the general welfare & convenience

of the Citizens requires that better facilities be given to the inhabitants of said town & vicinity, for general travel to & from the Western Rail Road Depot in Palmyra, by straightening, grading & otherwise improving the present highway leading from the Eastern terminus of highway recently built by the house of James Stetson in said Brimfield to the bend of the road near the house of William C. Hitchcock in said town, being in distance about three fourths of a mile - thence by laying out a new highway in a South Eastern direction from near the house of said Hitchcock in the most feasible place to intersect the Warren road, so called leading from Brimfield Center to Warren, between Ben Miller Mill, so called, and a large Elm tree in said highway, against land of Henry Fenton in said Brimfield, and requesting the Commissioners to take such measures in the premises, as shall be necessary to secure the object prayed for. as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners during a view of the premises expedient, appointed Friday, the fifteenth day of August then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of G. R. Brown, in Brimfield as the time & place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Brimfield, being the town within which such highway lies, the alteration & laying out, of which, is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Palmy Journal, a newspaper published in said County, said posting & the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time & place for commencing said view. And on the said fifteenth day of August, the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed, and

proceeded to view the premises and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said views and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider & adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition: and after considering the same said Commissioners did then & there adjudge that Common Convenience & necessity require that the prayer of said petition should not be granted -

Melvin Copeland Esq, being unable to attend said view & hearing, notice was given by the other members of the Board to Lucius J. Newton Esq, one of the Special Commissioners who appeared & acted instead of said Copeland -

A. T. Leonard
Wm. V. Sessions } County Commissioners
Lucius J. Newton Special Commrs

which report being read & considered, is accepted, and the prayer of the petition refused, with costs taxed at twenty three dollars & forty nine cents -

To the Honorable the County Commissioners within & for the County of Hampden,

Elbridge G. Fuller
Pet. for a Jury

Respectfully represents Elbridge Fuller of Holland in said County, that the Hon. Commissioners aforesaid, have recently laid out and established a new County road in the Town of Holland on the petition of Roswell Bledzett & others over land, in part, of said Fuller, your petitioner, and that your petitioner is aggrieved by the doings of said Commissioners in the estimation of his damages occasioned by the laying out, and establishing of said road -

Wherefore your petitioner makes application to your Honorable Board for a Jury to assess his damages according to the Statute in such case made & provided

Your petitioner further represents that public Convenience & necessity require the alteration of the location of said road between the termini, as follows, viz

Commencing at or near a small own land
of Arnold Williams, thence Northwly over land of said Williams, land of William Fitzgerald, land of your petitioner land of Eleazer Moore, across the Webber road, thence over land of Aquas J. Ballard, land of William & Lyman to a Stone monument, where it will intersect the present

laid out & established road, the above route & alterations
prayed for, are all in the Town of Holland and Westbury
from said Highway recently laid out by said Commission-
ers - Your petitioners therefore requests, that the Jury which
may be ordered to assess said damages, as before prayed
for may view said route & make such alterations in
the location of said road between the termini, as they
may think necessary or proper -

Holland Dec. 20, 1850 -

Edbridge G. Fuller

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting, and
now it is ordered by the ^{County} Commissioners, that Fifteen dollars
additional damages be allowed the petitioners

Orra Allen & al
Pet. for Highway
in Holyoke

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden,
The undersigned, Inhabitants of ^{the Town of} Holyoke and its vicinity
would respectfully represent to your Honors, That the pub-
lic convenience requires that there should be a road
commencing at some point at the County road lead-
ing from Northampton to Springfield, between the houses
of Phil W. Street and Chester Crafts, or at some point
in the County road between said Crafts house and
Henry Chopins Gate so called, on the road leading from
said Crafts to David Bapatts, and running in a
Northwesterly direction so as to strike the County line in
some suitable place for the termination of the road which
is in contemplation to be laid by the Commissioners of the
County of Hampshire, from Easthampton, running across
land owned by Orra Allen to the line of the Town of
Holyoke, in the direction of the New City so called, in
said Town of Holyoke,

We the undersigned therefore respectfully pray your
Honors, to view and locate the above described route
if it shall be deemed expedient.

Orra Allen & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a Meeting of the
County Commissioners holden for said County on the
Second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord One
Thousand eight hundred & fifty -

At which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view

of the premises expedient & proper, gave notice that they would
meet for the purpose of said view at the dwelling house of
Orestes Crafts in Holyoke on Tuesday the twenty first day
of May then next, at nine o'clock A.M. and it was
ordered by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said
petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his deputy
upon the Clerk of the Town of Holyoke in said County, thirty
days at least before the said twenty first day of May, and
that all other persons and Corporations interested therein
be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition & this
order thereon, in the Holyoke Times, a public newspaper
printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last
publication to be at least fourteen days before the time
of said view. And it was further ordered by the
Commissioners, that Copies of said petition, or abstract
containing the substance thereof & this order, be posted
up by said Sheriff or deputy, in two public places in the
Town of Holyoke fourteen days before said twenty first
day of May, and that notice be given in manner afore-
said, to all persons & Corporations interested, that the County
Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient
and proper, and that a view of the same would be
taken by them at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to
meeting, to the Meeting of the County Commissioners
helden for said County on the second Tuesday of April
in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty one.

And the Sheriff of said County made his return as
follows,

Hampden Co. April 20, 1851

I served the Town Clerk of
Holyoke with an Attested Copy of this petition & order
thereon, by leaving the same at his last & usual place
of abode, and also posted up in two public places in
said town, an abstract containing the substance thereof
of said petition

C Rice Sheriff

At which Meeting the Commissioners made their
report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co. At a Meeting of the County Commissioners

of the County of Hampshire, held at Springfield, in said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty.

On the petition of Ezra Allen & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth, that the public Convenience requires that there should be a road commencing at some point in the County road, leading from Northampton to Springfield, between the house of Phile W. Street & Chester Crafts, or at some point in the County road, between said Crafts house & Harry Chapin's Gate so called, on the road leading from said Crafts to David Bassetts so as to strike the County line in some suitable place for the termination of the road which is in Contemplation to be laid by the Commissioners of the County of Hampshire, from Easthampton, running across land owned by Ezra Allen to the line of the Town of Holyoke, in the direction of the New City so called, in said Town of Holyoke, and praying the Commissioners to view and locate the above described route, if it shall be deemed expedient, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the twenty first day of May then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Chester Crafts in Holyoke as the time & place for viewing the premises and caused a Copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Holyoke, being the town within which such Highway lies, the location of which is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a Copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Holyoke Times, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said Copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time & place for commencing said view, and on the said twenty first day of May the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed

and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said views and having heard the parties at that & the same regular meetings, & at their regular December Meeting, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition: and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then & there adjudge that Common Convenience & necessity require that the prayer of said petition should be granted, so far as relate to the location of a highway from the Western terminus mentioned in said petition to a point between the garden of Roswell W. Crafts & the house of Abner Miller on said County Road,

A. T. Leonard
Wm. Sessions } County
Melvin Copeland } Commissioners

which report being read & considered was accepted, and the said prayer for as specified in said report, adjudged of Common Convenience & necessity.

at which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners would meet at the dwelling house of Whiston Crafts in Holyoke on Thursday the twenty fourth day of July then next at one o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of locating said road by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order therein, in the Hampden Freeman, a public newspaper printed in said County, then weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty fourth day of July. And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his deputy serve the Clerk of the town of Holyoke, with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof, in two public places in said town of Holyoke fourteen days at least before the said twenty fourth day of July, at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to locate said road and would hear all persons & corporations interested therein who might then & there desire to be heard and assess such damages as in their opinion might be just & proper, by reason of the location of said road.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the

County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty one, and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Hampton St. June 21. 1851

In obedience to the foregoing petition, I this day notified the town Clerk of Holyoke as required by said petition & order by giving to said town Clerk in hand an attested copy of the foregoing petition & order, and also posting up in two public places in said Town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

Justin Wilson Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows,

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampton St.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty one,

On the petition of Ezra Allen & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth that the public convenience requires that there should be a road commencing at some point at the County road, leading from Northampton to Springfield between the house of Philo W. Street & Chester Crofts, or at some point in the County road between said Crofts house & Harvey Chapin's Gate so called in the road leading from said Crofts to David Bassett, & running in a Northwest direction so as to strike the County line in some suitable place for the termination of the road which is in contemplation to be laid by the Commissioners of the County of Hampshire, from Easthampton, running across land owned by Ezra Allen to the line of the town of Holyoke, and praying the County Commissioners in the direction of the New City so called in said Town of Holyoke and praying the Commissioners to view & locate the above described route if it should be deemed expedient, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners during a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the twenty first day of

May then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Chester Crofts in Helyoke, as the time & place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Helyoke being the town within which such highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Helyoke Times, a newspaper published in said County, said posting & the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time & place for commencing said view.

And on the said twenty first day of May the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred, till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, & from thence from meeting to the regular meeting held at Springfield aforesaid, on the second Tuesday of April, in the year eighteen hundred & fifty one, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing said Commissioners proceeded to consider, and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of said petition should be granted so far as relates to the location of a highway from the Western terminus mentioned in said petition to a point between the Garden of Roswell C. Crofts & the house of Allen Miller on said County road, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Thursday the twenty fourth day of July then next, & one o'clock in the afternoon at the house of Chester Crofts in said Helyoke, as the time & place when & where they would meet and proceed to locate said highway, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication & the time & place appointed for said location, in the same manner as the notice & publication was given & made

and as it by law in such case made & provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said twenty fourth day of July, met & proceeded to locate said highway as follows viz. -

Beginning at the County line & running the Center line of said Highway South one degree West twelve rods on land of Chester Crofts, then South sixteen degrees & five minutes West seventeen rods & thirteen links on land of said Crofts & of Henry Tuttle - then on land of said Tuttle South twenty four & three quarters degrees East six rods & two links, then South thirty six & three quarters degrees East nine rods & twenty links, then South four & a half ^{degrees} West, four rods & twenty links, then South twenty two & three quarters degrees West five rods & twenty three links to the intersection of the Taylor route so called, then South eighteen degrees & five minutes West thirteen rods & fourteen links, then South, seventeen degrees & forty minutes East, thirty rods, then South thirty nine & one third degrees East ten rods & seven links, then South seventy two degrees & fifty minutes East, twenty five rods & sixteen links, then South forty four & three quarters degrees East twelve rods & six links to land of Luther M. Fairfield. Then on said Fairfield, South thirty seven degrees & ten minutes East six rods & seven links, then South twenty six degrees & a half East eight rods & seventeen links, then South fifty seven & a quarter degrees East, fourteen rods & seven links, then South twenty eight & a half degrees East, twenty two rods to land of Cyrus Frink. Then on said Frink's land, South twenty nine degrees East twenty rods & twenty three links, then South, ten & a quarter degrees East six rods to land of the Widow & Heirs of Jereidiah Day, then on said Days land in the same course twenty eight rods to land of Zebina & Lysewilda Allen, then on said Allen's land, South two degrees East sixteen rods & sixteen links, then South twelve degrees West, twenty five rods & fifteen links to land of S. D. Thorp, then on said Thorp South twenty five & a quarter degrees West eight rods, then South four & a half degrees West six rods & one link, then South sixteen & a quarter degrees East, three rods & eleven

links, then South fifty two & a half degrees East twelve rods,
partly on land of said Thorpe, then South fifty three degrees
East, fifteen rods & nine links, then South forty six
& three quarters degrees East twenty nine rods & eighteen
links, then South forty eight & a half degrees East, twenty
eight rods, then South fifty seven & a half degrees East
twenty rods, then South fifty & three fourths degrees East
thirteen rods & thirteen links, then East fourteen rods
& twenty links, then South eighty six degrees & twenty five
minutes East six rods & fourteen links to said County road
between the Garden of said Crofts & the house of said Miller.
The said Highway is located three rods in width, and
stone monuments are placed in the westerly line thereof
at the several angles.

The respective owners of land over which the same
is located, are allowed until the fifteenth day of Octo-
ber next to remove their Wood, Timber & trees therefrom.

The following directions will be required to be observed
in the construction of the road, From the stake at the
County line to Stake Marked 1, there must be a true
grade from the pegs at the stakes, making the grade
three & one third degrees from thence to Stake Marked 2,
a cut will be required of six rods in length on the
southerly end of about two feet - the grade at the South-
-westerly end, to be level with the peg at the stake - then to
Stake Marked 3, an embankment will be required of an
average height of about three feet - In this distance a
stone bridge will be required, two feet high & two feet
wide in the clear - The side walls to be at least eighteen
inches thick - the covering to be of stone - From Stake Marked 4,
to Stake Marked 5, the road to be a true grade from the pegs
at each stake - from Stake Marked 8, to Stake Marked 9,
to be a true grade from the pegs at each stake making
the grade not to exceed four degrees - On Station 10 & 11, the
grade for the first eleven rods is not to exceed four
degrees, & the residue a true grade to the end of the
Station - a Culvert will be required, in the Swamp,
eighteen inches square, the walls & covering to be of stone
then to Stake Marked 12, the grade not to exceed four
degrees - thence to Stake Marked 13, to be a true grade
from the pegs at each stake - then on Station 14, to be a

true grade to the grade stake on the brow of the ravine then to Stake Marked 14, an embankment will be required of two feet in height - at the beginning of station 15, the embankment to be two feet high & run to a peg at a grade stake, the distance of about nine rods - In this distance a stone bridge will be required, three feet wide & three & a half feet high in the clear - the side walls to be at least two feet thick & covered with stone - From the last mentioned grade stake, a true grade will be required to a point four rods south of the Stake Marked 15. From Stake Marked 16, standing on Cyrus Trinks & Northby line, a true grade will be required of four degrees, for sixteen rods, by filling the ravine and cutting through the ridge which requires a cut of four feet at the stake on the ridge, from thence four rods to a grade peg at a stake, the excavation being required to fill the ravine - then running twelve rods, a true grade to a stake then running twenty eight rods on a true grade to a stake marked "3 feet fill" - then across the flat, for about ten rods, an embankment will be required three feet in height also a Culvert two feet square in the clear with side walls one & a half feet thick, the same together with the covering, to be of stone - then at two rods, a cut will be required of two & a half feet - then for eight rods, a cut will be required of two & a half feet - then at four rods, the excavation to run out at a point three rods north of Stake Marked 17. Then beginning at the end of station 25 near the top of the hill in the old road, & run on stations 26, 27, 28, and twelve rods on station 29, to a stake marked 6 feet cut in Abner Millers lot, in this entire distance the grade in no part to exceed five degrees, & such excavations & embankments as may be necessary to effect this purpose - thence to stake marked 29 & 30 the grade not to exceed four & a half degrees - all the excavation in Millers lot will be required to construct the embankment in said lot - On this last distance a Culvert will be required, two feet wide, two & a half feet high in the clear the side walls to be two feet thick, & the same together with the covering, of stone.

No Mounds are to be constructed upon the road but all trees, stumps, large stones & other obstructions

are to be removed therefrom - The road bed is to be widened
 eighteen feet in width exclusive of ditches, which are to
 be so constructed, on each side, as to make a free passage
 for the Water - If on the Constructing of the road, other
 sluices than those above mentioned shall seem necessary,
 the same are to be constructed - All Culverts, Sluices & Bridges
 are to be placed on a permanent foundation - the side
 walls to be dry & the Conveying Sluice, to have a bearing of
 at least one foot on each wall - All parts of the road
 in regard to which specific directions are not above given
 are to be made as near a true grade as practicable -
 Sufficient railing is to be erected on the embankments

All the materials employed in the Construction of the road
 are to be well adapted to the purposes for which they are used

The Center line of location is to be the Center of the travel
 path, except at points where it may be absolutely necessary
 to vary therefrom to avoid solid rock excavation, and at
 angles where the same is to be so rounded as to make the
 turnings as easy & gradual as practicable - All the work
 is to be done in a thorough substantial & workmanlike man-
 ner, & to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or
 before the twenty eight day of November next -

After locating said highway, & hearing all persons inter-
 ested in the subject of damages, who desired to be heard,
 the said Commissioners proceeded to estimate the same
 as follows, viz

To Henry Tuttle, one hundred & seventy one dollars	171.00
• Cyrus Frink, one hundred & fifty four dollars	154.00
• Niles of Jedediah Day, thirty seven dollars	37.00
• Heirs of Jedediah Day, thirteen dollars	13.00
• Lyman & Tobias Allen, seventy six dollars	76.00
• Shutech D. Thorp, eighty dollars	80.00
	<u>\$ 531.00</u>

Abner Miller, Luther M. Fairfield, & Chester Crofts, release
 all claim to damages, & no other person appeared to
 claim damages, nor was any such sustained, in the
 Judgment of said Commissioners

A. J. Leonard } County
 Melvin Copeland } Commissioners
 Wm V. Sessions }

which report being read & considered was accepted, and this

petition was brought forward to this meeting for the purpose of correcting damages assessed, as follows, viz.

Instead of the assessment of Damages to "the Water of Jadedish Day \$37.00 & the heirs of Jadedish Day \$13.00" the Commissioners assess the sum of \$50.00 to the Water of Jadedish Day & the heirs of Jadedish Day"

And the road is established, as & for a public highway

For acceptance of road see Book page 152

Charles Alden
et al Pet for a
Highway in
Ludlow

To the County Commissioners for the County of Worcester
The undersigned your petitioners respectfully represents to your Honorable Board, that the public convenience requires that a road be laid from the new bridge located near Collins Depot in Wilbraham across Chicopee^{River} thence^{running} Northw^{est} near the house of Aaron Wright in Ludlow, thence to intersect the County road leading from Jadedishville to the river, near the Red Bridge so called, and also the road leading thence to Belchertown line Northw^{est}, is narrow & crooked, and needs widening & straightening to accommodate the increasing travel from Belchertown & Ludlow to Wilbraham - Your petitioners therefore request your Honor to view the said road at your earliest convenience, and if need be, to locate the same, and in duty bound will ever pray -

Ludlow Aug^t. 11. 1850 -

Charles Alden & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred & fifty,

at which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient & proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at Collins Depot in Wilbraham, on Tuesday the twenty sixth day of November then next at nine o'clock A.M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy upon the Clerk of the Town of Ludlow in said County, thirty days at least before the said twenty sixth day of November, and that all other persons & Corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition & this order therein in

In Hampden Post, a public newspaper printed in said County then weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view, and it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that Copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Ludlow, fourteen days before said twenty sixth day of November, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons & corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient & proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners, holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December then next.

And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Hampden St. Oct. 23. 1850

I served the town clerk of Ludlow with an attested copy of this petition & order, by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of the same, more than fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

C Rice Sheriff

At which Meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden St.

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County on the first Tuesday of October, in the year of Our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty.

On the petition of Charles Alden & others then presented to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth that the public convenience requires that a road be laid from the new bridge (located near Collins Depot in Wilbraham across Chicopee River.) thence running northwesterly near the house of Aaron Wright in Ludlow thence to intersect the County road leading from Jerichville

to Three Rivers, near the New Bridge so called, and that the road leading thence to Belchertown line is narrow & crooked, and needs widening & straightening, to accommodate the increasing travel from Belchertown & Ludlow to Wilbraham, and requesting the Commissioners to view and if need be to locate the same, as by said petition on file will appear,

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday, the twenty sixth day of November then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at Collins Depot in Wilbraham, as the time & place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Ludlow being the town within which such highway, the location of which is prayed for, lies, as also the road proposed to be altered, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Post, a newspaper published in said County, said posting & the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing ^{notice of the} petition to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said twenty sixth day of November, the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then & there adjudge that Common Convenience and necessity require that so much of said petition as relates to the location of a highway from the site of the New Bridge located near said depot to said Steel Bridge, be granted, and as to the residue of the petition, it appearing that the road northward of the New Bridge is a

Said road, that the prayer of the petition for an alteration therein should not be granted under this petition.

At, P Leonard
Wm V. Sessions } County Commissioners
Albin Copeland }

which report being read & considered was accepted, and the road prayed for, as specified in said report adjudged of common convenience & necessity.

At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners ~~would~~ would meet at Collins Depot in Wilbraham on Friday the twenty fifth day of April then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of locating said highway by publishing an abstract of this petition & order therein, in the Springfield Republican, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty fifth day of April, and it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of Ludlow with a copy of said petition & this order, thirty days at least and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Ludlow fourteen days at least before the said twenty fifth day of April, at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to establish said highway and would hear all persons & corporations interested therein, who might then & there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion might be just & proper, by reason of the location of said road.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners, holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty one.

And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order made his return as follows.

Stamper 23 March 22nd 1851

I serve the town Clerk of Ludlow with an attested copy of this petition & order of notice by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract

containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Skiff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty.

On the petition of Charles Alden & others, then presented to said Commissioners representing & setting forth, that the public convenience requires that a road be laid from the New Bridge, located near Collins Depot in Wilbraham across Chicopee River, thence running Northwesterly near the house of Aaron Wright in Ludlow, thence to intersect the County road leading from Jerichville to Three Rivers, near the Red bridge and also that the road leading thence to Belchertown line Northwesterly is narrow & crooked & needs widening & straightening to accommodate the increasing travel from Belchertown & Ludlow to Wilbraham & praying said Commissioners to view said road & locate the same as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the twenty sixth day of November then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at Collins Depot in Wilbraham as the time & place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Ludlow being the town within which such road & alterations are prayed for, lies, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view and before said view was had, said Commissioners

gave notice in like manner as described in the ^{beginning} of the petition, to all persons interested of the time & place for commencing said view.

And on the same twenty sixth day of November, the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of December then next at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that so much of said petition as relates to the location of a highway from the site of a new bridge located near said Depot to said red bridge be granted, common convenience & necessity requiring the same, and as to the residue of the petition, it appearing that the road north of the Red bridge is a town road, that the prayer of the petition for an allutation therein should not be granted.

And after adjudicating as aforesaid, the Commissioners appointed Friday the twenty fifth day of April then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at Collins Depot in said Wilbraham, as the time & place where & when they would meet & proceed to locate said highway, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time & place appointed for said location, in the same manner as the notice & publication was given & made and as is by law in such case made & provided, before proceeding view (except publishing an abstract of said petition, instead of a copy thereof in the Springfield Republican) on the said twenty fifth day of April, met & proceeded to locate said highway as follows, viz:

¹ Beginning at a point marked with Chisel on a stone in the East Wing of the North Abutment of the new bridge & thirty five links distant from the upper corner of said abutment, then running North forty three degrees East from rods & seven links to an Elm tree marked H, then North seventy seven degrees East, three rods & nineteen links to a White Oak tree marked H, then South eighty three degrees East, six rods & twenty links

to a Hickory tree, Marked H, on this course a bridge is
 to be constructed at least two feet in width and the abut-
 ments two feet in height - then North Eighty two degrees East
 twenty rods to a Yellow Oak tree Marked H, - then North
 forty five degrees East, Eleven rods & twelve links, to a
 white oak tree Marked H, a bridge of the same description
 as that last mentioned, is to be constructed on this course
 then North fifty degrees East, twenty rods to a rock upon
 the top of the hill Marked H. The road bed is to be so
 worked to this point that no part of it shall exceed a grade
 of four degrees - then North sixty one degrees East, sixty
 three rods & nine links to a stone set in the ground - then
 North twenty eight & a half degrees East, twenty eight rods
 & twenty three links to a Hickory tree Marked H, a dry
 bridge is to be constructed upon land occupied by Lucy
 G. Walker, six feet wide, the abutments to be six feet high
 two & a half feet base & one & a half feet at the top, in
 width - then North thirty degrees East, twenty rods and
 twelve links ^{to a stone set in the ground} on this course a bridge is to be constructed
 four feet wide, the abutments to be three feet at least in
 height, two feet in width at the base & fifteen inches at
 the top - The top of the hill to be excavated three feet & the
 grade of the hill to be so reduced as not to exceed three
 degrees - then North twelve degrees East sixteen rods to a
 white oak tree Marked H, - then North fourteen degrees
 East twenty one rods & twelve links to a white oak tree
 Marked H, - then North twenty seven degrees East eighteen
 rods & twenty links to a black oak tree upon the top of the
 ridge - on this course a bridge is to be constructed, to be
 at least two feet in width & the abutments to be at
 least two feet in height - then North sixteen degrees
 East sixteen rods & twenty links to a stone set in the
 ground, on this last mentioned course the road is
 laid four rods wide - then North four degrees East
 twenty rods to a stone set in the ground - then North
 fifteen degrees East, forty nine rods to a Hickory tree
 Marked H, at Aaron Wrights land - on this course
 all necessary bridges are to be made, composed of stone
 then North thirty four degrees East, thirteen rods to a
 stone set in the ground - then North eight & a half
 degrees East, eleven rods to the northwest corner of

Said Wrights Barre - a bridge will be required on this
Course, at least two & a half feet in width & the
abutments at least two feet high - then North fourteen
& a half degrees East twenty four rods & twelve links
to a rock marked H, - on this Course a bridge will be
required, two feet in width & the abutments two feet high
then North twenty eight & a half degrees East seventeen rods
& fifteen links to a Hickory tree marked H, with stones
about it - then North thirty degrees East eight rods to a
Maple tree marked H, on the top of the hill - then North
sixty one and a half degrees East eight rods to a stone set
in the ground - then North twenty four & a half degrees
East Eleven rods to a White pine tree marked H, - then
North two degrees East fifteen rods to a White oak tree
marked H, - then North fifteen rods & twenty links, to
a stone set in the ground - then North twenty eight &
a half degrees East thirteen rods & twelve links to a stone
set in the ground on the South side of the road leading
from the red bridge to Junctionville - The highway is laid
out three rods in width for the whole distance, except ^{at} the
point above mentioned where it is located four rods
wide, and the Courses & distances & Monuments are
given on the Easterly side thereof as located -

On land of David Miller, the last Course above
mentioned, a dry & wet bridge combined will be required
to be six feet in width in the Clear, the abutments to be
six feet high, the walls to be not less than two & a half
feet thick at the base & one foot & a half at the top -

All of the bridges will be required to be at least eighteen
feet in length - The abutments in each to be of stone, and
when the width does not exceed three feet, the covering
is to be of stone, overlaid with earth - The entire hill
at the North part of the road as located is to be so
worked that no part of the travelled path shall exceed a
grade of four & one fourth degrees -

A wing wall must be constructed from the point of
commencement from the abutment of the bridge to the bank
on the South line of ^{the} location -

The entire road bed will be required to be constructed
at least eighteen feet in width exclusive of ditches, &
judiciously crowned from the sides of the travelled path.

to the Center & must be worked in the center & parallel to its location except near its angles which must be so rounded as to make the turnings as easy & gradual as practicable -

All ¹¹stumps, stumps, & other obstructions shall be removed from every part of the same to the width aforesaid,

All small inequalities shall be reduced to a level or regularly inclined plane and greater rises & hills when not otherwise specifically mentioned, to an angle not exceeding three degrees with the horizon -

Drains, sluices & bridges shall be constructed of stone & shall be made at all places necessary for conducting away the water from points not above specifically mentioned - All sandy portions of the road bed are to be hardened with a coat of gravel, or other suitable material to the depth of at least four inches, the soil being first removed on hills when necessary so that the road bed, when completed shall not exceed the required grade

Swampy & soft bottoms shall be raised at least one & a half feet -

Railings are to be constructed whenever they may be necessary -

All the materials used in construction of the road bridges & sluices, are to be well adapted to the purposes for which they are employed, & the entire work is to be performed in a thorough & workmanlike manner & to be completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners, on or before the first day of May next -

The respective owners of land over which said highway is located are allowed until the first day of March next to remove their wood, timber & trees therefrom, except such trees as are marked as boundaries of said highway

And said Commissioners having heard such owners of land over which said highway is located as desiring to be heard upon the question of damages occasioned by said location, have proceeded to estimate the same as follows viz:-

To Lucy B. Walker	Seventy dollars	70.00
" Hens of -	Walker twenty dollars	20.00
" Elijah Plumby	Fifty dollars	50.00
" Daniel Miller	Sixty five dollars	65.00
" Sylvester Miller Jr	Six dollars	6.00
		<u>\$211.00</u>

See Joseph Miller, Moses Miller, Austin Collins, Daniel Wright & Sylvester Miller, released all claim

& damages, at the time of the original view, & on other petition or Corporation appeared to claim damages & none other are sustained in the judgment of said Commissioners

at P. Leonard

McClain Copeland } County

Wm. H. Sessions } Commissioners

which report being read & considered, was accepted, and this petition was ordered to be brought forward to this meeting for the purpose of correcting assessment of damages as follows, viz:

Instead of the assessment of damages to "Lucy C. Walker \$70.00" & "Heirs of Walker \$20.00" The Commissioners assess the sum of \$90.00 to "Lucy C. Walker & the heirs of Walker"

And the road is established as & for a public highway

Ordered, That the twenty first day of Nov. next at 2 o'clock P.M. at the Jail Office, be appointed the time & place for the Keeper of the Jail & Master of the House of Correction, to present his account for allowance to the assessors, and that the County Commissioners will meet at the same time & place for the purpose of examining "the Prison Books" Order, as to account of Master of House of Correction

And it is further ordered that meetings hereafter be held on the first Tuesdays of May & November in each year, be held at the same hour of each of said days respectively, & at said Office, for the purpose aforesaid.

Oct. 8. Herman Sacket is Licensed as a Common Victualer in the South room of Ines' building on the first floor in Westfield, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors

Oct. 8. Ashby Hayden is licensed as an Inholder at the stand lately occupied by Ralph M. Kellogg in Southwick, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors.

County Register

William Rice having been declared chosen Register of Deeds at the June Meeting (see record thereof) appears & is sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office & gives bond to the acceptance of said Commissioners

County Treasurer

William Rice having been chosen at the June meeting (see record) County Treasurer, appears & is sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of said Office & gives bonds to the acceptance of said Commissioners

Ordained that the Rules for the Government of the House of Correction be recorded & a Copy served on the Chairman of the assessors thereof & the Keeper of the Jail & Master of the House of Correction, by the Messengers -

Order as to Masters account for allowance served as above

Accounts

Sundry accounts against the County being now presented are allowed, amounting to the sum of Three Thousand, One hundred & Twenty eight dollars & fifty seven Cents, and are ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury

Land Damages

The following persons are allowed the sums set against their names in full for land taken for a highway, laid on petition of David O. Richards & al, viz -

To King H. Loomis	thirty five dollars	35.00
" Franklin O. Morse	twenty five dollars	25.00

The following persons are allowed the sums set against their names in full for damages for Land taken for highways viz.

To Elbridge O. Fuller	additional, fifteen dollars	15.00
" Lucy & F. Griswold	fifteen dollars, Select, Chicopee	15.00
" Odwara Root	thirty dollars, Set of Jos. Noyes	30.00

John Fenton is allowed the sum of Five hundred dollars

for building bridge in Palermo -

Rules for the Government of the House of Correction, for
the County of Hampden

Rules for the
Government of the
House of Correⁿ

1. The Prisoners when not taken out of their Cells for work, shall be shut up in their Cells, and shall preserve perfect silence, speaking to no one but the Keeper, or person in charge at the time, and to him only when necessary. The Keeper will relax this rule when he shall be advised by the Physician of the Prison, that a Prisoner's health requires different treatment.
2. Prisoners shall not communicate with each other in any manner; nor speak to any person (except their Counsel before trial, or the officers connected with the Prison), unless it be with the leave of the Keeper or person in charge of their work at the time, and in his presence & hearing. Nor shall they send or receive any letter until the same has been read by the Keeper, nor send or receive any article until the same has been examined by the Keeper.
3. All able bodied Convicts shall be kept constantly at work during the ordinary hours of work on work days, except on days of National and State Fasts & Thanksgiving.
4. When visitors are present, no Prisoner shall look up from his work nor leave his seat.
5. Prisoners shall not mark or deface the walls, furniture or books. They shall not spit in any place but a spit box or Copper, nor shall they lie down upon their beds without taking off their boots or shoes.
6. Each prisoner shall make his bed, sweep his Cell, & dust his shelf, door & furniture, and put each article in its proper place, before breakfast. Shall always attend religious service when able.
7. The whole Conduct of the prisoners must be orderly & quiet, and in strict obedience to the Rules for the Government of the Prison, and any neglect or wilful disobedience thereof, or any wilful injury to their work, or any part thereof will be punished by solitary Confinement, and in cases of extreme stubbornness, the gag may be used; but in no case without the consent of one or more of the Overseers, nor shall

such Solitary Confinement be extended beyond three days without such consent of an Overseer or Overseers.

8. All labor done by the Prisoners shall be performed under the direction of the persons appointed by the Overseers to take charge of the labor of the prisoners, in both the Male & Female departments, except as herein after provided; The washing, mending, & mending for the prisoners shall be performed by the prisoners, under the directions of the Matron.

The Whitewashing, sweeping, & dusting of the shops & passages shall be done as far as practicable by those prisoners for whose labor no direct compensation is allowed by the Contractor, under the direction of the Keeper.

Adopted Oct. 17, 1857.

Justin Wilson Sheriff

A. T. Leonard } County Commissioners
Melvin Copeland } & Inspectors of
Wm. V. Sessions } Prisoners.

Hampden St. Oct. 17, 1857. Judgment is entered up according to reports &c. and all matters not acted on are ordered to be continued, and this meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest Rich Bliss Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At the Meeting of the County Commissioners begun and held at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year 1851 being the twenty third day of said month & from day to day to the twenty fourth day of said month & by adjournment on the thirtieth day of said month to the thirty first day of said month & by adjournment on the sixth day of January in the year eighteen hundred & fifty two from day to day to the eighth day of said month of January & by adjournment on the twenty eighth day of said January & by adjournment on the second day of March 1852 & by adjournment on the sixteenth day of said March & by adjournment on the first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty two -

Present - Herman T. Leonard Esq. Chairman
Melvin Copeland } County
Wm V. Sessions } Commissioners

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

The undersigned Selectmen of the Town of Chicopee in said County, Respectfully Represent that at a Meeting of your Honorable Board in June A.D. 1848. Certain alterations were established in a road on the North Side of Chicopee River in said Town, leading from Chicopee Falls to Ludlow, a part of which alterations consist in a new piece of road by the Old Bank near Chicopee Falls - being the second piece of road described in the order of the Commissioners - They further represent that said last mentioned piece of road, was laid out with the understanding & upon the Condition that the Construction of the same in a suitable and thorough manner should be made & secured at an expense not exceeding \$700. to the Town - but that no persons have offered to secure to the Town the suitable Construction of said road according to the Condition & understanding aforesaid & to the satisfaction of the Town: And the Construction thereof cannot be accomplished without an expense of \$950. or \$1,000. They further represent that at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of said Town of Chicopee called & held for the purpose of considering the subject of said road on the 23rd day of August last past, it was voted that

Selectmen of
Chicopee.

Pet for discontinuance
of Highway in
Chicopee

the Selectmen be instructed to apply to the County Commissioners for the discontinuance of so much of the road aforesaid as leads from near the barn of David M. Butterfield by the Clay Bank, to its intersection with the old Clough road near the dwelling house of the late Calvin Corley -

The subscribers therefore respectfully ask that your Honorable Board will reconsider the order establishing ^{the road} aforesaid and will vacate & set aside so much thereof as relates to the piece of road running by the Clay Bank aforesaid - or in case such action shall be deemed inadmissible, they request your board to appoint a time to view said road, and discontinue the same, & take such other action in the premises as shall be deemed expedient & necessary for the purpose of discontinuing said road & vacating the order establishing the same -

Chicopee Sept. 2, 1849 - J. Adams & others, Selectmen of Chicopee

The foregoing petition was entered at a Meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & forty nine - and continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty one,

at which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of of the premises expedient & proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the Chicopee Falls Hotel in Chicopee on Tuesday the ninth day of September then next at nine o'clock A. M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the Town of Chicopee in said County, thirty days at least before the said ninth day of September, and that all other persons & Corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition & this order, therein, in the Chicopee Telegraph, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view, and it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition ^{or abstract} containing the substance thereof & this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy in two public places in the town

of Chicopee fourteen days before said ninth day of September
and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons
& Corporations interested that the Commissioners deem a view
of the premises expedient & proper, and that a view of the same
would be taken by them at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued ^{from meeting to meeting} to this Meeting, and the
Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows

Hampden ss. July 18. 1851 - In obedience to the
 foregoing petition I this day notified the Town Clerk of
Chicopee by giving in hand an Attested Copy of this petition
& order thereon & also posting ~~up~~ in two public places in
said Town an abstract containing the substance thereof -

Justin Wilson Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing
as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss.

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners of the
County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County
on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eight-
teen hundred & fifty one.

On the petition of S. Adams & other Selectmen of
Chicopee sheweth presented to said Commissioners, represent-
ing & setting forth that at a Meeting of the Hon. Board
held in June 1848 certain alterations were established in a
road on the north side of Chicopee River in said town lead-
ing from Chicopee Falls to Ludlow a part of which alterations
consist in a new piece of road by the Clay Bank near Chicopee
Falls, being the second piece of road described in the order of
the Commissioners. And further representing that said last
mentioned piece of road was laid out with the under-
standing & upon the condition that the construction of the
same in a suitable & thorough manner should be made
& secured at an expense not exceeding \$700, to the town

That one persons had offered to secure to the town the
suitable construction of said road according to the
condition & understanding aforesaid & to the satisfaction
of the town, & the construction thereof cannot be accomplished
without an expense of \$950, or \$1,000. That at a Meeting
of said town called & held for the purpose of considering the
subject of said road on the 25th of August 1849, it was

order that the Selectmen be instructed to apply to the County Commissioners for the discontinuance of so much of the road aforesaid as leads from near the town of David in Butterfield by Clay Bank to its intersection with the old Clough road near the dwelling house of the late Calvin Cooley -

And said petitioners further ask the Board to reconsider the order establishing the road aforesaid & vacate & set aside so much thereof as relates to the piece of road running by the Clay Bank aforesaid - or in case such action shall be deemed inadmissible requesting the Board to appoint a time to view said road & discontinue the same - as by said petition on file will appear -

The Commissioners during a view of the premises appointed Tuesday the ninth day of September then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Chicopee Hotel in Chicopee, as the time & place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the Town of Chicopee being the town within which such highway lies, the discontinuance of which is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Chicopee Telegraph a newspaper published in said County, said posting & the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time & place for commencing said view. And on the said ninth day of September, the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties said Commissioners then proceeded to consider & adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition and after considering the same said Commissioners did then & there adjudge that common convenience & necessity require so much of the prayer of said petition as relates to the discontinuance of the highway (located, but not worked) from near the town

of David M. Bullfield, by the Clay Bank & its intersection with
the old blough road near the dwelling of the late Calvin Cooley
& that the same should be discontinued - No person appeared
to claim damages for such discontinuance & none are sus-
tained in the judgment of said Commissioners

A. T. Leonard

Wm. G. Sessions } County Commissioners

Melvin Copeland

which report being read & considered is accepted and the
road, as specified in said report, discontinued -

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

Gentlemen

The undersigned a Committee chosen at a legal
meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Monson,
humbly represent that the County Commissioners located
three highways in the town of Monson the past year
viz. One on the petition of Sullivan W. Stanton & others
reference may be had on the Co. Commissioners Book of records
page 297 Book 4 - One on the petition of Miriam Converse
& others - reference may be had on the County Commissioners
Book of records page 307 book 4 - And one on the petition
of Adams Stanton & others - reference may be had on the Co.
Commissioners Book of records page 294 Book 4 -

That said highway cannot be constructed without great
expense to the town & County, And that the same will not
be of public utility - We therefore request your honorable
board to discontinue said located highways, or make such
alterations in the location, or mode of construction of the
same, as in your opinion the public good requires -

Dated at Monson this 3rd day of June A.D. 1850.

Austin Fuller

Rice S. Mann

Rufus W. Pease

Hiram Newton

Charles B. Jones

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County
Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tues-
day of June in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight
hundred & fifty - At which meeting, the Commissioners

Austin Fuller &c
Pet for discontinuance
of highways in
Monson

deeming a view of the premises expedient & proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view at the dwelling house of Lucius C. Townsend, in Monson, on Thursday the twenty ninth day of August then next, at nine o'clock A.M. And it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Monson, in said County, thirty days at least before the said twenty ninth day of August, and that all other persons & Corporations interested therein, be notified by publishing a copy of said petition & this order thereon, in the State a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view, And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that Copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof & this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Monson, fourteen days before said twenty ninth day of August, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons & Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient & proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them, at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October then next, and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows,

Wampelen ss July 24, 1850. I served the town Clerk of Monson with an attested copy of this petition & order by leaving the same at his dwelling house & also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows,

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Wampelen ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Wampelen, held at Springfield in said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord & eighteen hundred & fifty. On the petition of Austin Fuller

and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing
a setting forth that the County Commissioners located their
highways in the town of Benson the past year viz, one
on the petition of Sullivan W. Stanton & others, reference may
be had to the County Commissioners book of records page
297 book 11 - one on the petition of Hiram Converse & others
reference may be had on the County Commissioners book of records
page 307 book 11 - and one on the petition of Adams Stanton
& others, reference may be had on said records page 294 of
book 11 - That said highways cannot be constructed without
great expense to the town & County & that the same will not
be of public utility - and requesting said Commissioners to
discontinue said located highways or make such alterations
in the location or mode of construction of the same as the
public good may require, as by said petition on file will
appear -

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises ex-
pedient, appointed Thursday the twenty ninth day of August
then next, nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Lucius
W. Trusdell in said Benson as the time & place for viewing the
premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon
the clerk of the town of Benson, being the town within which
such highways lie, the discontinuance ^{or alteration} of which is prayed for
thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and
also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance
thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also
gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said
petition to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden
Post a newspaper published in said County, said posting and
the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days
at least before the time appointed for said view; and before
said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like
manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to
all persons interested, of the time & place for commencing said
view. And on the said twenty ninth day of August ^{by the} ^{day of September last, at the house of State Trusdell}
succeeding day, the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed
and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same
the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same
time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commis-
sioners then proceeded to consider & adjudicate upon the prayer of
said petition; and after considering the same said Commissioners

did then & then adjudge, that Common Convenience & necessity require that so much of the prayer of said petition as relates to the discontinuance of the New highway located on the petition of Sullivan & Stanton & others be granted, leaving the former order of the board, relation to specific repairs on the old highway from Wilbraham to Benson, in full force - That so much of the prayer of said petition as relates to alterations in the highway located on the petition of William Converse & others be granted and that so much of the prayer of said petition as relates to the discontinuance or alteration of the highway located on the petition of Adams Stanton & others should not be granted.

A. D. Leonard

Alvin Copeland } County Commissioners
Wm V. Sessions }

which report being read & considered was accepted and the discontinuance prayed for, as specified in said report, adjudged of Common Convenience & necessity -

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December then next, at which meeting notice to locate was ordered, but no proceedings ^{have had} under said order.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of said Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty one,

at which meeting a new notice to locate was ordered, but no proceedings were had under said order, & this petition was continued to the meeting of said Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June then next,

at which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons & Corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners would meet at the dwelling house of Monroe B. Blanchard in Palmyra on Tuesday the twelfth day of August then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of locating said alterations & discontinuing said highway laid on the petition of Sullivan & Stanton & others by publishing an abstract of said petition & this order chosen in the Salem Journal, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at before the said twelfth day of August - And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy

serve the clerk of the town of Benson, with a copy of said petition & this order thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Benson fourteen days at least before the said twelfth day of August, at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to establish said alterations & order said discontinuance & would hear all persons & Corporations interested therein who might then & there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion might be just & proper, by reason of the alterations of said road & by reason of the discontinuance of said road.

And this petition was continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows, Hampden July 9, 1851 - I served the town Clerk of Benson with an attested copy of this petition & order by giving the same to him, & also posting up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition - Justin Wilson Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty one.

On the petition of Austin Fuller thereupon presented to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth that the petitioner, at a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Benson, were chosen a Committee of said town & that the County Commissioners located three highways in the town of Benson the (three) past year viz - one on the petition of Sullivan W. Stanton & others - reference may be had on the Co. Commissioners book of records, page 297 book 14 - one on the petition of Hiram Gougeon & others - reference may be had on the Co. Commissioners book of records, page 307 book 14 - and one on the petition of Adams Stanton & others - reference may be had on the Co. Commissioners book of records, page 294 book 14 - That said highways cannot be constructed without great expense to the town & County, & that the same will not be of public utility - And requesting said Commissioners to discontinue

said located highway or make such alterations in the location or mode of construction of the same as in their opinion the public good should require, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises expediently appointed Thursday the twenty ninth day of August then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Lucius E. Trusdell in Monson as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served up, the Clerk of the town of Monson being the town within which such discontinuance or alteration prayed for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Post a newspaper published in said County, said posting & the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested, of the time & place for commencing said view; and on the said twenty ninth day of August, the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners held at Springfield aforesaid, on the second Tuesday of October then next at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing said Commissioners proceeded to consider & adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that so much of the prayer of said petition as relates to the discontinuance of the new highway located on the petition of Sullivan & Stanton & others, be granted, leaving the former order of the board relative to specific repairs on the old highway from Milbraham to Monson, in full force, that so much of the prayer of said petition as relates to alterations in the highway located on the petition of Hiram Bonhouse & others, be granted, and that so much of the prayer of said petition as relates to the discontinuance or alteration

on the petition of Adams Stanton & others, should not be granted
and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed
Tuesday the twelfth day of August then next and ^{at nine} o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Alonzo V. Blanchard
in Palmers, as the time & place when & where they would meet
& proceed to locate said alterations & to discontinue said highway
and the said Commissioners having given notice of the ad-
judication of the time & place appointed for locating said al-
terations & establishing said discontinuance in the same man-
ner as the notice & publication was given & made, & as is by law
in such case made & provided, before proceeding to view & except
publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy
(^{in the future journal} thereof) on the said twelfth day of August met & pro-
ceeded to discontinue said ^{new} highway located on the petition
of Sullivan M. Stanton & others & to establish alterations in
the highway located on the petition of Miriam Converse
& others as follows viz, - Commencing at a stone
monument on the Easterly side of the present travelled road
from Monson to Palmers Depot at a point South one &
a half degrees East of a large apple tree standing on land
of Samuel A. Ward about twenty rods North of the
New School house & running North one & a half degrees
West from & a half rods to the Easterly side of the Center
of said tree - thence North five & a half degrees East twenty
rods to a small apple tree with stones around it standing
on land of Elephazer Tenney - The line run thus far being
run on the Easterly side of the highway as altered & the location
to embrace all the land lying between said line & said
Monson & Palmers road - then running from said small
apple tree on the left or Easterly side of said highway
as altered on land of said Tenney, South seventy three &
a quarter degrees East thirty one rods & five links to the
South side of a Yellow Oak tree - On this line ^{the} highway
is to be four rods in width at the commencement and
narrower down to three rods at the end of the line - then
North eighty nine & a half degrees East, eight rods & fifteen
links to the South side of another Yellow Oak tree - then
North eighty degrees East sixty one rods & eight links to a stone
monument on land of said Tenney - thence North sixty
three & a half degrees East on land of said Tenney & on land
of Alonzo V. Blanchard & Co. nineteen rods to a stake

opposite a large rock with a stone upon it - then Southwly at right angles with the last mentioned Course, then rods to the Center of said rock - then North Sixty two & three quarter degrees East, running on the right or Southwly side of the highway as altered, North seventy three & three quarter degrees East seventeen rods, to a small Yellow Pine tree with stones about it - then North Eighty & a half degrees East on the Southwly side of said highway as altered, forty five rods, to a stone monument in the present travelled road Southwly of the Sawmill - the last six courses, the highway as altered is located three rods wide -

The following directions are to be observed in the Construction of the road -

The road bed is to be Constructed not less than sixteen feet in width exclusive of ditches - All stumps, stones & other obstructions shall be removed from every part of the same, of the width aforesaid & the travelled path be so thrown up that the water will pass conveniently from the Center thereof to the ditches - All small inequalities in the road lengthwise shall be reduced to a level or a regularly inclined plane, and all unnecessary undulations avoided - Clay, Swampy & soft bottoms shall be covered with gravel to the depth of at least six inches, and sandy portions, with loam or clay to the depth of at least six inches - All sides of hills when the road is made partly by excavation & partly by embankment - the exterior or down hill side must be made nearly level, & the angle of the sides, of the excavations & embankments are not to exceed forty five degrees -

All necessary railing is to be Constructed upon the sides of the road, On land of A. V. Blanchard & Co. where the road crosses a ravine, a Stone Bridge will be required not less than twenty feet long five & a half feet high & four & a half feet wide in the clear. the abutment walls to be securely placed & not less than eighteen inches thick The covering stone to be at least six feet in length & covered with earth so as to conform to the grade of the road which on this course is not to exceed three & three fourth degrees - The road bed must be made of an even grade from point to point & no part of it is to be allowed to exceed a grade of five degrees - All the materials used in the Construction of said highway & bridges are to be well

adapted to the purposes for which they are employed, and all the work is to be done in a thorough, substantial & workmanlike manner, & to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the first day of May next.

The owners of land over which said highway is altered, is located, are allowed until the first day of March next to remove their wood timber & trees therefrom.

Having made said location & heard all persons interested therein, upon the question of damages, we have proceeded to assess the same as follows viz,

To Cliffolet Ferry fifteen dollars	15.00
A. V. Blanchard & Co. Two hundred dollars	200.00

Samuel N. Ward releases all claim to damages & no other person or Corporation, in the judgment of the Commissioners, sustain any damages by the location aforesaid, or by the discontinuance aforesaid.

A. T. Leonard	} County Commissioners
Wm. V. Sessions	
Melvin Copeland	

which report being read & considered is accepted and the road & alterations established as & for a public highway ~~and~~ the discontinuance of said road is established.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners for the County of Hampden. Chas. P. Fay Sec
Pet for a Jury

The subscribers having their lands crossed by the survey of a road from Josiah Williams to the road leading from Benson to Salmon Dept, and an assessment of damages having been made by the former board of County Commissioners, would dissent from said assessment, as being insufficient, and would petition for a Jury for a new assessment of damages.

Mason Decr 1. 1850 Charles P. Fay
Jonathan Skow

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred & fifty, and continued from Meeting to Meeting to this meeting. And now it is ordered by the Commissioners ^{having been} that the road referred to in said petition, ^{be} discontinued, & that the petition be dismissed, without costs.

Roswell Brown &
 Pet. for Alteration
 of Highway in
 Southwick & Westfield

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
 Your petitioners respectfully represent that the road from
 the Bridge near Cowles Mill in Westfield to Mansfield
 W. Kellogg's in Southwick is in many places narrow
 & crooked & that the public good requires that said road
 be widened & straightened. Your petitioners would there-
 fore pray that such alterations & repairs be made in said
 road, as the public necessity may require.

Westfield October 1. 1850. — Roswell Brown & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the
 County Commissioners, holden for said County on the
 first Tuesday of October in the year of Our Lord One
 Thousand eight hundred & fifty.

At which meeting the Commissioners not being requested
 to view, & a view not being deemed expedient, gave
 notice that they would act upon said petition at their
 regular meeting in Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of
 December then next, and it was ordered by the County
 Commissioners, that a Copy of said petition be served by
 the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy upon the Clarks
 of the towns of Southwick & Westfield in said County, thirty
 days at least, before the said fourth Tuesday of December
 & that all other persons & Corporations interested therein
 be notified by publishing a Copy of said petition & this
 order therein in the Westfield Standard, a public news-
 paper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the
 last publication to be at least fourteen days at least
 before the ^{meeting} said meeting. And it was further ordered
 by the Commissioners, that Copies of said petition, or
 abstracts containing the substance thereof & this order
 be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public
 places in the towns Westfield & Southwick, fourteen
 days before said meeting.

And this petition was continued to the Meeting of
 the County Commissioners holden for said County on the
 fourth Tuesday of December then next.

and the Sheriff of said County made his return as
 follows.

Hampden 2d Nov. 11. 1850. — I served the town Clarks
 of each of the towns of Southwick & Westfield with an

attested copy of said petition & also caused by causing the same to be delivered thereof & also posted up in two public places in each of said towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Worcester, held at Springfield, in said County, on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty-

On the petition of Russell Brown & others then presented to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth that the road from the bridge near Cowles Mill in Westfield to Mansford W. Kellogg's in Southwick, is, in many places, narrow & crooked, & that the public good requires that said road should be widened & straightened and praying that such alterations & repairs be made in said road as the public necessity may require, as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners not being requested to view, & not deeming a view of the premises necessary or expedient appointed the fourth Tuesday of December then next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court house in Springfield as the time & place for hearing said petition, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerks of the towns of Westfield & Southwick, being the towns within which such road lies the alteration of which is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said hearing, and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in each of said towns and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Westfield Standard, a newspaper published in said County, said posting & the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said hearing; and before said hearing was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time & place for said hearing. And on the said fourth Tuesday

of December, the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed to hear the parties; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider & adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same said Commissioners did then & there adjudge that Common Convenience & necessity require that the prayer of said petition should be granted.

A. J. Leonard Esq, one of the County Commissioners, being resident in said Westfield, Lucius F. Newton Esq, one of the Special Commissioners was notified by the other members of the board & appeared & acted instead of said Leonard,

Alvin Copeland } County Commissioners
Wm V. Sessions }

Lucius F. Newton, Special Commissioner

which report being read & considered was accepted, and the alteration prayed for, adjudged of Common Convenience & necessity -

At which meeting the Commissioners ordered, that notice be given to all persons & Corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners would meet at the dwelling house of Walter Soornis in said Southwick on Tuesday the seventh day of May then next at ten o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of locating said alterations, by publishing an abstract of said petition & this order therein, in the Westfield Standard a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said seventh day of May; and it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerks of the towns of Westfield and Southwick with a copy of said petition & this order thirty days at least - & post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said towns of Westfield & Southwick fourteen days at least before the said seventh day of May at which time the said Commissioners would meet proceed to establish said alterations & would hear all persons & Corporations interested therein, who might then & there claim to be heard & assess such damages as in their opinion might be just & proper by reason of the alteration of said road.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, & the Sheriff of said County makes

for return as follows

And now the Commissioners make this report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Wampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Wampden, held at Springfield, in said County on the first Tuesday in October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty.

On the petition of Roswell Brown & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth that the road from the bridge near Corvies Mill in Westfield to Randolph W. Kellogg's in Southwick, is in many places narrow & crooked, & that the public good requires that said road be widened & straightened, & praying that such alterations & repairs be made on said road as the public necessity may require, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, not being requested to view & not deeming a view of the premises necessary, appointed the fourth Tuesday of December then next, at their regular meeting in Springfield as the time & place for hearing said petition, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerks of the towns of Southwick & Westfield, being the towns within which such alterations are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said hearing, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said towns; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Standard a newspaper published in said County, said posting & the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said hearing; and before said hearing was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing order of the petition

to all persons interested of the time & place for said hearing. And on the said fourth Tuesday of December at the regular meeting of the Commissioners held at Springfield aforesaid, the parties were heard, and after the hearing said Commissioners proceed to consider & adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then & there adjudge that ~~some road~~ (being a highway) public convenience & necessity required that the prayer of said petition so far as regards alterations in said road should be granted.

And after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the seventh day of May then next and ten o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Walter Loomis in said Southwich, as the time & place when & where they would meet & proceed to locate said alterations, & the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication & the time ^{place} appointed for said location in the same manner as the notice & publication was given & made, and as is by law in such case made & provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said seventh day of May, met & proceeded to locate said alterations as follows viz. Commencing on the West side of the old Loomis Street road at a cherry tree marked said tree being the Northwesterly side of the highway as altered then running South seventy two degrees West, thirty seven rods & ten links to a stone - On this course a bridge will be required at least eighteen feet long two feet wide & two feet high, all parts of which are to be of stone - Then South forty four degrees West, six rods to a stone, in a new located road, the Southwesterly side of the road, to be continued to the East side of said new located road -

The highway as altered is located then rods in width & the line run is on the Northwesterly side of the road as located. The travelled path is to be well worked to the width of at least eighteen feet exclusive of ditches & all obstructions removed therefrom & the Center thereof except at the angles is to be the Center of location, in grading the road all unnecessary undulations must be avoided, & after being graded to a true grade, all sandy portions must be covered with loam to the depth of at least six inches - all necessary sluices are to be constructed of stone - all the materials used in the construction of the road bridge

business, are to be well adapted to the purposes for which they are employed & all the work is to be done in a thorough & substantial & workmanlike manner, & to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the first day of May next.

The owners of land over which said highway as altered is located are allowed until the first day of March next, to remove their wood timber & trees therefrom.

After making said location, said Commissioners proceeded to estimate the damages as follows viz,

To Frederick C. Kellogg, forty dollars \$40.00

Lewis Holcomb releases his claim to damages & no other person appeared to claim damages & none other are sustained in the judgment of the Commissioners.

A. J. Leonard Chairman of the Board being resident in said Westfield notice was given by the other members to Lucius B. Newton Esq. one of the Special Commissioners, who appeared & acted in his stead.

Melvin Copeland

Wm. U. Sessions

Lucius B. Newton - Special Commissioner

which report being read & considered was accepted & the alterations established as & for a public highway

To the Honorable the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.

Respectfully represents, Alpheus Atteleton of Chicopee in said County, that on 12th August 1843, Charles Stearnes, by his deed of that date conveyed to your petitioner the following described real estate, situate in Springfield, in said County, and bounded as follows, - Beginning at the intersection of the North line of Spring Street, continuing with the southerly line of land of the Western Rail Road Corporation & running southerly on said Rail Road line three rods, thence South 44¹/₂^o East 13 rods & 9 links, thence South 44¹/₂^o West 162¹/₂ feet - thence South 44¹/₂^o East 119 feet & 7 inches - thence North 44¹/₂^o East 212 feet - thence North 44¹/₂^o West to the place of Beginning - together with all the rights of water power in Garden Brook so called, possessed by said Stearnes, together with one parcel of real estate lying in said Springfield East of Spring Street as will more fully appear by said deed - That your petitioner

Alpheus Atteleton
Pet for Assessment
of damages to
Springfield
Aqueduct Comp^y

has been seized & possessed of said premises since the date of said deed - that said premises described in said deed are situated on Garden Brook so called & that at the date of said deed, said Garden Brook, by it self & its tributaries was capable of supplying a very large & valuable water power the right to use and enjoy which was conveyed to your petitioner by said deed - that your petitioner, in order to avail himself of said water power, constructed a dam across said brook, and excavated a pond, and erected a large mill building on said premises & placed in it a Water Wheel & other fixtures to render the said water power available in his business, & that he expended a very large sum of money in so doing, to wit the sum of five thousand dollars, and that he afterwards, and down the present time has occupied the said premises for the purpose of manufacturing Card & the business of preparing lumber for use. -

And your petitioner further represents that on May 10, 1848 the legislature of this Commonwealth granted an act of incorporation to Charles Stearns & others by the name of the "Springfield Aqueduct Company". that said Corporation, by said act, was authorized & empowered "to take & hold the several Springs of Water, owned by Charles Stearns on April 10, 1848, situated North of the Western Rail Road, being four in number and not including the Springs on North or East Brook, so called, & may collect & convey the water of said several Springs, in logs or pipes, in the nearest & most convenient routes for the same into one main pipe North of the Western Rail Road, uniting the same with such main pipe at one point more Westerly than that where the pipe from the Hayward Spring or reservoir unites with the main pipes of said Stearns, and for this purpose may take such rights in any lands as may be necessary therefor". And said act of incorporation provided & directed that "all damages sustained by any person by taking the water of said Springs and conveying the same into said main pipe, shall be paid by said Aqueduct Corporation and if not agreed upon by the parties, shall be ascertained determined & recovered in the same manner as then provided by law in case of lands taken for highways -

And your petitioner further represents, that on June 30, 1848 said Aqueduct Co^{rs} went into the possession, enjoyment

and one of the several Springs of water referred to in said act of incorporation as owned by said Steamers on April 10, 1848, made & by virtue of said the aforesaid provisions of said act of incorporation and has continued to use the water of said Springs down to the present time in accordance with its Corporate powers.

And your petitioner further represents, that one of said four Springs of water, so taken by said Aqueduct Company and which is known & called by the name of the "Lumbard Spring" constitutes the main supply of water to one of the principal tributaries to said Garden Brook, and that said Aqueduct Company on July 1, 1848, and ever since have diverted the water arising & flowing from said Spring out of & away from its natural Channel into said Garden Brook when it had always flowed, into certain pipes & logs of said Aqueduct Company and that in consequence of said diversion by said Company the water in Garden Brook, became & has remained down to the present time greatly diminished in its average & ordinary volume of water. And your petitioner further represents, that in consequence of said diversion by said Company, the water power has been greatly diminished in Garden Brook, and the permanent value of your petitioner's Mill & other property connected therewith, has been greatly diminished, and that your petitioner, since said July 1, 1848 has suffered great delay & hindrance & inconvenience in the prosecution of his business at said Mill, & has lost a large amount of profits which he would have otherwise have realized from his said business, at said Mill, and that he has thereby suffered great damage to his property & business.

And your petitioner further represents, that he has been unable to agree with the said Aqueduct Company, as to the damages sustained by him, by said diversion,

Wherefore he respectfully prays that after due notice to all parties interested, & after due proceedings had in the premises, your honorable body would proceed to ascertain, assess & award such damages to your petitioner as Justice and Equity may require, and pass all orders & decrees necessary to enforce the same.

Alphonse Kettleton

Alphonse Kettleton, by his
Atty, Henry Rose

The foregoing petition was entered at a Meeting of the County Commissioners, holden for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty one.

At which Meeting the County Commissioners ordered, that notice be given to the said Springfield Aqueduct Company that the matter would be heard upon said petition at a Meeting of the County Commissioners to be holden at Springfield on the first day of July, ^{then} next at 2 o'clock P.M. at the Court house, by leaving the Clerk of said Corporation, with an attested copy of said petition & of this order thereon six days at least before said 2^d day of July.

And this petition was continued from Meeting to Meeting to this Meeting, and the Sheriff of said County swears his return as follows:

Attest, June 25. 1851 - In obedience to the foregoing petition I this day notified Waitstill Hastings, Clerk of the Aqueduct Company, by giving in hand an attested copy of this petition & order thereon.

Justin Wilson Sheriff

and now it is ordered by the County Commissioners, that the petition be dismissed, with costs, taxed at three dollars & ninety four Cents -

Solomon Hoar To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden,
 Sub. Pet for H. W. The Subscribers respectfully represent, that the highway leading
 or alteration of H. W. from Lucius Hoar's Mills in Brimfield by Charles Gleason
 in Brimfield dwelling house to the rail road Station at Powers Corner so
 called, in said Brimfield, is circuitous, hilly & in want
 of repair, and that the public good requires the location of
 an entire new highway in said Brimfield, from Warren
 line, near said Hoar's Mills, to said Rail Road Station
 or the location of some portions, new, and alterations, and
 specific repairs of that part of the existing highway lying in
 Brimfield - They therefore respectfully request your honors to
 view said road & the ground between said Warren line &
 said Station, and locate a new highway, in whole or in part, &
 order such alterations & repairs of the said highway as you
 may deem expedient.

Solomon Hoar & others

The foregoing petition was returned at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred & fifty one, at which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient & proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Lewis Thomas, in Braintree, on Friday the twenty second day of August then next at nine o'clock a.m. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Braintree, in said County, thirty days at least, before the said twenty second day of August, and that all other persons & Corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition & this order therein, in the Salem Journal, a public newspaper printed in said County three weeks successively the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view, and it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof & this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or deputy in two public places in the town of Braintree, fourteen days before said twenty second day of August, & that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons & Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient & proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October then next. And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows:

Hampden ss. July 8, 1851. In obedience to the foregoing petition I this day notified the town Clerk of Braintree by giving in hand and attested copy of this petition & order therein also posting up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance thereof.

Justin Wilson Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden held at Springfield in said County on the

fourth Pursley of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty-one.

On the petition of Solomon Hornum & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth that the highway leading from Linus Hornum's Mills in Brimfield by Charles Hensons dwelling house to the Rail Road Station at Powder Corner so called in said Brimfield is circuitous, badly & in want of repair, and that the public good requires the location of an entire new highway in said Brimfield, from Warren line near said Hornum's Mills, to said Rail Road Station, or the location of some portions new, and alterations, & specific repairs of that part of the existing highway lying in Brimfield - & requesting said Commissioners to view said road & the ground between said Warren line & said Station and locate a new highway, in whole or in part and order such alterations & repairs of the said highway as they might deem expedient, as by said petition on file will appear,

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Friday the twenty second day of August then next & nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Linus Hornum in Brimfield as the time & place for viewing the premises. And caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Brimfield, being the town within which such location or alterations are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested, by publishing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Palanquin Journal, a newspaper published in said County, said posting & the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested, of the time & place for commencing said view.

And on the said twenty second day of August the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed & proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners

then proceeded to consider & adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then & there adjudge that Common Convenience & necessity require that that portion of said petition which prays for the location of a portion of a new road & alterations in the existing highway in Brimfield, be granted, and that, as to the residue of the existing highway Com. with greater Convenience, be amended so as to supersede the necessity of locating a new highway or altering the residue of the existing way -

Albion Copeland Esq, one of the Commissioners being unable to attend said view & hearing, notice was given to Lucius F. Newton Esq, who appeared & acted in his stead.

A. T. Leonard } County Commissioners
Wm M. Sessions }

Lucius F. Newton, Special Commissioner

which report being read & considered, was accepted, and the road & alterations prayed for, as specified in said report adjudge of Common Convenience & necessity -

At which meeting the Commissioners ordered, that notice be given to all persons & Corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners would meet at the dwelling house of Linus Brown in Brimfield on Wednesday the twelfth day of November then next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said new road & alterations & ordering specific repairs, by publishing an abstract of said petition & this order therein in the Palmyra Journal, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twelfth day of November. And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of Brimfield, with a copy of said petition & this order, thirty days at least - & post up abstracts containing the substance thereof, in two public places in said town of Brimfield fourteen days at least before the said twelfth day of November, at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to locate said new road & alterations & order said repairs, and would hear all persons & Corporations interested therein who might then & there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion might be just & proper by reason thereof -

And the petition was continued to this meeting - And the Sheriff

of said County makes his return as follows.

Hampden Co. Oct. 8. 1857.

In obedience to the foregoing petition, I this day notified the town Clerk of Brimfield by leaving at his dwelling house an attested copy of this petition & order thereon, & also posting up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance thereof.

Justin Wilson Sheriff

and now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty one.

On the petition of Solomon Hornum & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth, that the highway leading from Linus Hornum's Mills in Brimfield leading by Charles Gleasons dwelling house to the Rail Road Station at Pomeroy Corn so called in said Brimfield is circuitous hilly & in want of repairs, and that the public ^{good} requires the location of an entire new highway in said Brimfield, from Warren line near said Hornum's Mills to said Rail Road, or the location of some portions new & alterations & specific repairs of that part of the existing highway lying in Brimfield, and requesting said Commissioners to view said road & the ground between said Warren line & said Station, and locate a new highway in whole or in part, & order such alterations & repairs of the said highway as they might deem expedient, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Friday the twenty second day of August then next & nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Linus Hornum in Brimfield, as the time & place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Brimfield, being the town within which such location is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said

petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Palmer Journal, a newspaper published in said County, said posting & the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in ^{the} manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all person interested, of the time & place for commencing said view, -

And on the said twenty second day of August, the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed, & proceeded to view the premises, & having viewed the same the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid on the second Tuesday of October then next at which meeting the parties were heard, & after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider & adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that that portion of said petition which prays for the location of a portion of new road & alterations in the existing highway in Brimfield, be granted, and that as to the residue, the existing highway can with greater convenience, be amended so as to supersede the necessity of locating a new highway, or altering the residue of the existing way, and after adjudicating as aforesaid said Commissioners Wednesday the twelfth day of November then next and at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Simon Morris in said Brimfield, as the time & place, when & where they would meet & proceed to locate said new road & alterations & ordering specific repairs, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication & the time & place appointed for such location & order in the same manner as the notice & publication was given & made, and as is by law in such case made & provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said twelfth day of November next & proceeded to locate a piece of new highway in said Brimfield commencing at a hole in a rock on the West side of an

old road at the North side of Sinner Meadows down still East then running due West six rods on land of Elam Sherman to a hole in a rock, then on said Shermans land North Seventy four & a half degrees West sixteen rods to a hole in a rock. then South Sixty eight & a half degrees West (Crossing a run of water) twelve rods to a Stone Monument set in the ground - a Bridge will be required over the run of water, to be constructed of Stone at least five & a half feet high & four feet wide in the clear & twenty feet in length, the walls to be eighteen inches thick & the entire length of the bridge to be covered with Stone at least six feet in length & the same to be covered with earth so as to conform to the road bed on this course - then North fifty seven & three quarter degrees West three rods & seven teen links to a White Oak tree marked - then North thirty five & a half degrees West twelve rods to a White Oak tree marked - then North forty three degrees West twenty two rods to a Stone Monument set in the ground - then North fifty three & three quarter degrees West nine rods to a Stone monument set in the ground in the Southby side of an old road nearly opposite the house of Charles Gleason - The lines run are on the Southby or left side of the highway & the same is located three rods in width - The road bed will be required to be made at least eighteen feet in width exclusive of ditches - the grade thereof to be uniform from point to point & in no part to exceed two degrees in elevation or depression - The said Commissioners then proceeded to locate an alteration in the existing highway, Commencing at a Stone Monument set in the ground on land of Miram L. Powers & then running North Seventy ^{nine} & a half degrees East sixteen rods to a Stone Monument - then North eighty three degrees East nineteen rods & fifteen links to a Stone Monument - then South eighty nine degrees East four rods to a Stone monument - then South Sixty three & three quarter degrees East thirty seven rods to a Stone Monument then South eighty two & a quarter degrees East two & a half rods to land of John & Charles Barlies - then in the same course on land of said Barlies Eleven & a half rods to a Stone Monument - then South Seventy one & a quarter degrees East nine rods to a Stone Monument - then South

eighty three & a half degrees East. Ten rods to an Oak tree
by the line of the old highway - the line ~~run~~ ^{is} on the
Southly or right hand side of said way as altered & the
same alteration is located three rods in width - The road
bed will be required to be worked eighteen feet in width
exclusive of ditches - On the Northly side of the location
where it is upon the side hill, with sufficient Stone Sluices
to pass all water accumulating on the Southly side thereof
the grade the entire length to be uniform, & not to exceed
four degrees - The Connection with the old road at the top
of the hill, to be made in such a manner as to preserve
the required grade of the new road, by removing the old
road bed far enough Southly to correspond with the road
bed of the new location - In constructing the new highway &
alteration above mentioned, the following additional directions
are to be observed - The road bed is to be constructed so that
the Center thereof (except on side hills & at angles) shall be
the Center of location - At the angles it is to be so made
that the turnings shall be easy & gradual
All stumps & roots large stones & other obstructions shall be
removed from the road bed & the same be so thrown up
that the water will readily pass from the Center thereof to
the ditches - All small inequalities in the road lengthwise
shall be reduced to a level or regularly incline plane, & all
unnecessary undulations avoided - Clay swampy & soft
bottoms shall be covered with gravel, & sandy portions with
loam or Clay to the depth of at least six inches - On the sides
of hills where the road is made partly by embankment
the down hill side must be made nearly level, & the an-
gle of the sides of the excavations & embankments are not
to exceed forty five degrees -

The owners ^{of land} over which said highway is located & altered
as aforesaid are allowed until the first day of February
next to remove their wood timber & trees therefrom -

The Commissioners then proceeded to order the following
specific repairs on the existing highway viz.

The hill near Powers Station aforesaid, from the foot to a
point three rods Westly of the bearing ground, to be worked
so that the traveller path shall be at least twenty feet in
width exclusive of ditches, and after being worked, all sandy
portions thereof to have a covering of loam or least six

inches thick & the travelled path, when completed is not to exceed a grade of five degrees. The summit of the hill West of said Gleasons house, to be lowered two feet for the space of twenty feet in width opposite the Gate way, with a slight descent each way in the road but a slope to be carried up to the Gate way so as to make the access to & from the same to the highway convenient - a ditch will be required from the point opposite the West side of said Gate way on the South side of the travelled path to said Gleasons Cattle pass, and the earth taken therefrom deposited on the North side of the travelled path - a Stone Sluice will be required across the road against a pine tree marked S. - From the point where Shumans Water Course crosses the road to a point opposite a pine tree marked F the road bed is to be brought to an even grade by filling - from this last point to a tree marked T the road bed is to be covered with a good hardening material not less than six inches thick, & from the last named point to its intersection with the road as altered, to be turnpiked twenty feet in width exclusive of ditches - The following directions will be observed in regard to all parts of the road above mentioned - Railing will be required at all points where necessary for the safety of travellers, & Stone Sluices at all points where it may be necessary to convey the water across the road - All materials used in the process of construction must be of good quality & well adapted to the purpose, and the work must be done in a thorough workmanlike & substantial manner & to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the twentieth day of June next.

After completing said location & direction, & hearing all persons who desired to be heard upon the question of damages we have proceeded to assess the same as follows viz.

To John & Charles Coates thirty six dollars	36.00
Oliver Shuman one hundred & eighty dollars	180.00
	<u>\$216.00</u>

Lewis Mann & Hiram B. Sowers release all claims to damages & no other person appeared to claim damages & none other are sustained in the judgement of the Commissioners. -

A. D. Leonard
William Copeland
J. W. Sessions
County Commissioners

which report being read & considered is accepted, and the
road & alterations established as & for a public highway

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire. *Sydney Gibbs &c.*
The undersigned inhabitants of Blandford in said County Pet. for alteration
respectfully represent, that the public convenience requires of Highway in
an alteration of the County road, leading from the Hampshire Blandford
& Berkshire turnpike road, near the Stone of Sydney
Gibbs Esq. in said Blandford, & running Southwily to
West Granville.

They therefore pray your Honours, to view the premises
& discontinue, alter & widen such parts of said
County road, as may be deemed expedient & necessary
Dated May 13. 1857 *Sydney Gibbs & others*

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County
Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tues-
day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred & fifty one

at which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view
of the premises expedient & proper gave notice that they
would meet for the purpose of said view at the dwelling
house of Sydney Gibbs in Blandford on Thursday the
eighteenth day of September then next at nine o'clock
A.M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners
that a copy of said petition ^{by the Sheriff of D. County or his Deputy} be served upon the Clerk of
the town of Blandford in said County, thirty days at least
before the said eighteenth day of September & that all other
persons & Corporations interested therein be notified, by pub-
lishing a copy of said petition & this order thereon in the
Westfield Town Letter, a public newspaper printed in said
County three weeks successively, the last publication to be
fourteen days at least before the time of said view.

And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that
copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance
thereof & this order be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in
two public places in the town of Blandford fourteen days before
the said eighteenth day of September, & that notice be given
in manner aforesaid to all persons & Corporations interested
that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises

expedient & proper & that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time & place aforesaid,

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October then next, And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows:

Wampden 1st July 5, 1857. In obedience to the foregoing petition I this day notified the Town Clerk of Blandford by giving in hand an attested Copy of this petition & order thereon, & also posting up abstracts in two public places containing the substance thereof

Justin Wilson Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows,

Commissioners of Massachusetts,

Wampden 1st

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Wampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty one

On the petition of Lyman Gibbs & others, inhabitants of Blandford, then presented to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth that the public convenience requires an alteration of the County road leading from the Wampden & Berkshire Turnpike road near the Stone of Lyman Gibbs Esq. in said Blandford & running southerly to West Granville; and praying the Commissioners to view the premises & discontinue, alter & widen such part of said County road as may be deemed expedient & necessary, as by said petition on file will appear,

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday the eighteenth day of September then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Lyman Gibbs in said Blandford as the time & place for viewing the premises; and caused a Copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Blandford being the town within which such discontinuance & alteration are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested

by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the News Letter, a newspaper published in said County, said posting & the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time & place for commencing said view.

And on the said eighteenth day of September the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed & proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider & adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then & there adjudge that Common Convenience & necessity require that the prayer of said petition should be granted.

A. D. Leonard

Melvin Copeland

Wm B. Sessions

which report being read & considered was accepted & the alterations prayed for adjudged of Common Convenience & necessity.

At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners would meet at the dwelling house of Gilbert Nye in Blandford, on Tuesday the twenty fifth day of November then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said alterations & discontinuance, by publishing an abstract of said petition & this order therein, in the Westfield News Letter, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty fifth day of November.

And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the Town of Blandford with a copy of said petition & this order thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Blandford, fourteen days at least before the said twenty fifth day of November at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to establish said alterations & discontinuance, and would hear all

persons & Corporations interested therein, who might then & there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion might be just & proper, by reason thereof.

And this petition was continued to this Meeting, and the Sheriff of said County renders his return as follows.

Hampton Oct. 10. 1851. I served the Town Clerk of Blandford by giving in hand an attested copy of this petition & order thereon & also posting up in two public places abstracts containing the substance thereof.

Justin Wilson Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampton &c.

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampton, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred & fifty one.

On the petition of Lyman Gibbs & others; then presented to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth, that the public convenience requires an alteration in the County road leading from the Hampton & Berkshire Turnpike road near the Store of Lyman Gibbs Esq., in said Blandford, & running South ^{to} West Granville, and praying the Board to view the premises & discontinue, alter, & widen such part of said County road as might be deemed expedient & necessary as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Thursday the eighteenth day of September then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Lyman Gibbs in Blandford, as the time & place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the Town of Blandford being the town within which such alterations & discontinuance are proper for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused ^{abstracts} ~~copies~~ of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the West Letter, a newspaper published in said County, said posting & the last publication of said copy

having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time & place for commencing said view.

And on the said eighteenth day of September, the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed & proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the first Tuesday of October then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider & adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that Common Convenience & necessity require that the prayer of said petition should be granted; and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the twenty fifth day of November then next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Gilbert Stye in said Blandford as the time & place where & when they would meet & proceed to locate said alterations & discontinuance, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication & the time & place appointed for said location & discontinuance, in the same manner as the notice & publication was given & made and as is by law in such case made & provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said twenty fifth day of November met & proceeded to locate said alterations as follows viz. Beginning at a stone post at the North East Corner of Lyman Gibbs Stone, then running south three degrees West five rods & seventeen links to a stone then south five degrees East forty two rods & eight links to a stone - the above courses & distances were taken on the West Side of the road as at and along the East Side of the highway runs along the line of the highway as originally located, until it strikes the Meeting House then along by the West side of the Meeting House to the Southwest Corner of the same, then East by the South side of the Meeting House to a point four rods distant from the West line as now - then running southerly to an angle in the wall three & a half rods distant from the West line of said highway

Then Southwaly to a point three rods distant from the stone monument at the Southern terminus of the highway as attached & at right angles thereto -

The following directions are to be observed in the Construction of the Transverse path & ditch - the ditch on the East side is to be extended Eastwaly as far as a point opposite to a stone upon the top of the wall, marked **F**, at the West end of the wall extending from the Northwest Corner of the Meeting House - Then to run Southwaly to a Stone marked **B** nineteen feet distant from the Southwestwaly Corner of the Meeting house - Then Southwaly to a Stone in a line with the North end of the first red house South of said Stone - All of the area between the ditch & the West line of the highway is to be filled up so as to make a uniform grade - the slope next ditch to be walled, or made with a slope of one & a half feet to one foot rise - the road bed from said last mentioned Stone is to be constructed eighteen feet in width exclusive of ditches - All rocks & large stones within six inches of the surface of the road bed, are to be removed - All necessary ditches are to be constructed, & the entire distance the road is to be worked without any mounds across the same, and no part of it is to exceed a grade of three & a half degrees - The entire work is to be done to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of June next - All timber is to be removed from said highway before the fifteenth day of April next - that part of the highway as originally located, not embraced in the highway as attached, is discontinued - No person appeared to claim damages, & no one sustains any by said alteration & discontinuance, in the Judgment of the Commissioners -

A. J. Leonard
Wm V Sessions
Melvin Copeland

which report being read & considered, is accepted & the alteration established as & for a public highway -

Licenses

Andrew J. Leonard is licensed as an inhoulder without authority to sell intoxicating liquors, in the town of Westfield, at the stand known as the Farmers Hotel, on the road from Westfield Green to Granville in the house formerly occupied by Thomas Leonard. Dec. 23, 1857

~~John~~ Elizabeth Conner is licensed of Mar. holder, without authority
to sell intoxicating liquors in town of Palmer in his new
Brick Building in the village of Palmer Depot, Dec. 24, 1857

An estimate of taxes for the County of Hampden for the year County Estimates
1852 prepared & made up by the County Commissioners for said
County Dec. 31, 1857.

For payment of Travelling Expenses	\$ 500
One third expense of Criminal prosecutions, including bill for Dec. Term Q. B. S. 1857 (not yet certified)	4,500
Wages of Combs for services	300
Sherriff, Deputies, Constables & Crier	1,600
Service of Venues	100
Coroners Inquests	200
Support of Prisoners in Jail & House of Correction	5,000
Repair of County buildings	200
County Commissioners, Surveyors, board of examiners, Committees, Juries &c	2,500
Land Damages	5,000
County Bridges	200
Overseers of House of Correction	100
Books, Stationery & Printing	400
On account of County Debt Estimated at 4,400	4,400
	<u>\$ 28,000</u>

The following additional Rules for the Regulation of the House of Correction are adopted, and 500 Copies of the Rules ordered to be Printed.

Additional Rules
for the Regulation
of the House of
Correction.

Hereafter clothing will not be furnished to prisoners unless by direction of the Overseers or some one of their number.

No addition to the rations of the prisoners is to be allowed from money furnished by them, or from their earnings.

Two prisoners are not allowed to occupy the privy at the same time & none are allowed to remain for more than five minutes at a time.

A. J. Seaward } County Commis.
Malvin Capeland } Scribes & Inspectors
Wm. C. Sessions }
Justin Wilder Sheriff

Acceptance
of
Highways

The plans, construction & three petitions of Joseph Ranzan, John
Justus Pease, Russell & Co., & Eli W. Osburn, & Arthur
Stanton, were accepted at the adjourned meeting Jan'y 8.
The report of the Inspectors of prisons being made, is accepted
& ordered to be placed on file, Jan'y 8, 1852

Dwight Sherman is licensed as an Inholder & common
victualer, without authority to sell intoxicating liquors
in the town of Milbraham in the house where John Baldwin
lives, April 1, 1852

Accounts

\$ 5,397.74

Settling accounts against the County being now presented
for allowance amounting to the sum of Five thousand, three
hundred & ninety nine dollars & ninety four cents, are allowed
& ordered to be paid from the County Treasury.

Land Damages

\$ 1,190.81

The following persons are allowed the sum set against their
names in full for damages to lands by the location of high-
ways & the Treasurer is ordered to pay the same, amounting
to the sum of One thousand, one hundred & ninety dollars
& eighty one cents,

Thomas Kirkland	one hundred & twenty five ^{plus addl?} dollars	135.00
Twenty Second School District West Springfield		25.00
Nathan M. Freeman		175.00
Alonso Wait		175.00
Edwin Spooner	} Put L. M. Carey	50.00
Daniel Lumbard		225.00
Daniel Gale		75.13
Nathan M. Freeman	conditional	10.00
Archibald Barnes		75.00
Benjamin Ashby		219.68
		<u>\$ 1,190.81</u>

Newfield N.H. April 1, 1852. Judgment is entered up accord-
ing to Reports &c & all matters not acted on are ordered
to be continued and this meeting is adjourned without
day

Attest

Wm M. Morris

Clerk for the year

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden St.

Let a Meeting of the County Commissioners, begun & holden at Springfield, within & for the said County, on the second Tuesday of April, being the thirteenth day of said month to the first week day of said month, & by adjournment, on the fourth day of May to the fifth day of said May in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & fifty two

Present Norman T. Seaverns } Chairman
Melvin Copeland } County
Wm W. Sessions } Commissioners

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden Selectmen of
We the undersigned Selectmen of Palmyra being instructed by Palmyra Pet to
said Town, represent that the County road leading from Palmyra Pet to
Thorncliffe Village over the Hill to Elias Tamm, is not under Highway in
as a public highway, and that the interest of the Town will Palmyra
be promoted by its discontinuance & also the Bridge North of
Chester Hastings House.

We also request you to view a road from the Bridge West
of said Hastings to intersect the Old Monson & Petusham Turn-
pike, North of the said Hastings.

We therefore pray the Commissioners of the said County
of Hampden to view & locate the premises, & take such
action thereon as in their judgment the interest of the
Town & the public requires.

Palmyra Sept. 7. 1848

Sylvester Parks & others } Selectmen
of Palmyra

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County
Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday
of October, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight
hundred forty eight.

At which Meeting notice to view was ordered, but no
proceedings were had under said order.

And this petition was continued from Meeting to Meeting
to the Meeting of said Commissioners holden for said County
on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord One
thousand eight hundred & forty nine. At which meeting the

Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises expedient & proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view at the Dwelling house of Paul Hamilton in Palam on Wednesday the sixteenth day of May then next, at one o'clock P.M. And it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the Town of Palam in said County, thirty days at least before the said sixteenth day of May, & that all other persons & Corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of petition & this order therein, in the Hampden Post, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view; And it was further ordered by the Commissioners that copies of said petition or abstracts containing the substance thereof & this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or deputy in two public places in the town of Palam fourteen days before the said sixteenth day of May, and that notice be given in like manner aforesaid to all persons & Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient & proper, & that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows.

Hampden Id. April 12, 1849. - I served the Town Clerk of the Town of Palam with an attested copy of this petition & order therein by giving the same to him & also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance thereof

C. Rice Sheriff

And now it is ordered by the Commissioners that this petition be dismissed, for want of due diligence.

James M. Brooks vs To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
Pet. for Highway
in Springfield
The subscribers represent that public convenience & necessity require that a new road should be laid in Springfield running southerly from Hickory Street at a point a little East of Silas Smiths & crossing the Upper Water Shop Pond near the Ice House of Edward Savage & extending to the South Willabam & East Longmeadow roads near the house

of Simon Spencer, in order to avoid the inconvenience & danger
to travel in the Upper Water Shop Hill which for most of the
term is in a bad condition. And we would refer to the
various petitions on file in your Court for this improvement
in the roads from Springfield to Wilbraham Stafford East
Longmeadow, Sarnes, Ellington, Enfield &c, as heretofore
prayed for in the petition of J. C. Russell & others, and Sabel
Rogers & others - And that you would also order repairs &
alterations in the road between said Spencer House & East
Longmeadow Meeting House -

April 3. 1829 -

James W. Crocker & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County
Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday
of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
& forty nine.

At which Meeting the Commissioners deeming a view
of the premises expedient & proper, gave notice that they would
meet for the purpose of said view at the Court House in
Springfield on Monday the Eighteenth day of June then next
at two o'clock P. M. And it was ordered by the County Commis-
sioners that a Copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of
said County or his Deputy upon the Clerks of the towns of
Springfield & Longmeadow in said County, thirty days at least
before the said Eighteenth day of June, and that all other
persons & Corporations interested therein, be notified by publish-
ing a Copy of said petition & this order therein in the Hamp-
den Post, a public newspaper printed in said County, three
weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days
at least before the time of said view, And it was further
ordered by the Commissioners, that Copies of said petition
or abstracts containing the substance thereof & this order,
be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places
in the towns of Springfield & Longmeadow fourteen days
before said eighteenth day of June, and that notice be
given in manner aforesaid, to all persons & Corporations
interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view
of the premises expedient & proper, & that a view of the
same would be taken by them at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to
meeting to this Meeting. And the Sheriff of said County makes

his return as follows

Hampton St. May 7, 1849 - I served the Town Clerk of Longmeadow with an "Attested Copy of this" petition by giving the same to him, & on the 8th day of said May I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with an Attested Copy of this petition & order by giving the same to him, & also posted up in two public places in each of said Towns an abstract containing the substance of said petition

C. Rice Sheriff

And now it is ordered by the County Commissioners that this petition be dismissed

Harvey Danks To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
Pet. for Alteration of Highway in Springfield
The undersigned Inhabitants of Springfield respectfully represent that the public Convenience & travel require that a certain alteration should be made in the road leading from the Easterly end of Mulberry Street to Union Street in said Springfield - And your petitioners that said alteration should be made in manner following to wit: Beginning at the Northwesterly Corner of the Methodist Burying ground on the Easterly side of said road, at a point nearly opposite the Southerly Corner of the Methodist Chapel and about two rods distant therefrom & thence to Union Street in a Northwesterly direction on a line parallel with the Easterly side of said Chapel until the line intersects with said Union Street. And also to discontinue all parts of said road which may fall without the limits of the above Union Street - And as in duty bound will ever pray

Springfield Oct. 17, 1850 - Harvey Danks & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a Meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty.

At which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient & proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the Court House in Springfield on Friday the sixth day of December then next, at one o'clock P.M. And it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy

of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy upon the Clerk of the Town of Springfield, in said County thirty days at least before the said sixth day of December, & that all other persons & Corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition & this order therein in the Hampden Post a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof, & this order therein, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy in two public places in the town of Springfield fourteen days before said sixth day of December, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons & Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient & proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows.

Hampden St. Oct^r 23, 1850 - I served the Town Clerk of Springfield with an attested copy of this petition & order by giving the same to him & also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of the same more than 14 days before the time of said meeting

C Rice Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden St.

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of Our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty

On the petition of Harvey Dantes & others of Springfield then presented to said Commissioners representing & setting forth that the public convenience & travel require that a certain alteration should be made in the road leading from the East end of Mulberry Street to Union Street in said Springfield that said alteration should be made in manner following

vis. Beginning at the Northwesterly Corner of the ^{Methodist} ~~buying~~ ground on the Easterly side of said road at a point nearly opposite the Southeastly Corner of the Methodist Chapel & about two rods distant therefrom, & thence to Union Street in a Northwesterly direction in a line parallel with the Easterly side of said Chapel until the line intersects with said Union Street & to discontinue all parts of said road which may fall without the limits of said Union Street, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners desiring a view of the premises expedient appointed Friday the sixth day of December then next & on o'clock in the afternoon at the Court House in Springfield being the town within which such location & discontinuance is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Post, a newspaper published in said County, said posting & the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had. Said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested of the time & place for commencing said view.

And on the said sixth day of December the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed, & proceeded to view the premises & having viewed the same, the further consideration of the matter was postponed, from time to time to the second day of March 1852, when the Commissioners heard the parties & had a further view of the premises, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider & adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same said Commissioners did then & there adjudge that common convenience & necessity require that the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

Attest in Copeland Copy, one of the County Commissioners being unable to attend the meeting on said second day

of March, notice was given by the other members of the board
to Lucius F. Newton Esq: one of the Special Commissioners
who appeared & acted in his stead

A. T. Leonard }
Melvin Copeland } County Commissioners
Wm. V. Sessions }
Lucius F. Newton } Special Commissioner

which report being read & considered, is accepted & the
prayer of the petition refused, with costs taxed at,

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden James C. Holliday
The undersigned petitioners respectfully represent that the road from Agawam to Suffield in Connecticut by the Highway in
way of Feeding Hills is extremely crooked & round about West Springfield
way. Your petitioners therefore request you to view & if in
your judgment expedient, lay a road from near the house
of Col. Wm. W. Wolcott in Feeding Hills, to the Feeding Hills
road between the houses of John Granger & Ralph W. Fish,
Feeding Hills Dec. 28, 1857 - James C. Holliday & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County
Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday
of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred & fifty & by adjournment on the 5th day of Feb. A.D. 1857.

At which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view
of the premises expedient, gave notice that they would
meet for the purpose of said view at the dwelling house
of John Granger in West Springfield on Tuesday the
twenty fifth day of March then next at nine o'clock A.M.
And it was ordered by the County Commissioners, that a
copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County
or his Deputy upon the Clerk of the town of West Springfield
in said County, thirty days at least before the said twenty
fifth day of March & that all other persons & Corporations
interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said
petition & this order therein, in the Post a public newspaper
printed in said County three weeks successively the last
publication to be fourteen days at least before the time
of said view: And it was further ordered by the Commis-
sioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing

the substance thereof & this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy in two public places in the Town of West Springfield fourteen days before said twenty fifth day of March, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons & Corporations interested that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient & proper, & that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting & waiting to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows

Hampden Co., Feb. 11, 1850. I served the Town Clerk of West Springfield with an Attested Copy of this petition & order by giving the same to him & also posted up in two public places in said Town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

W. Rice Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make this report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County on the fourth Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty.

On the petition of James C. Holliday then presented to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth, that the road from Agawam to West Suffield in connection by the way of Feeding Hills, is extremely crooked & round about way, and praying the Commissioners to view & if in their judgment expedient, to locate a road from near the house of Col. Henry Melrose in Feeding Hills, to the Feeding Hills road between the houses of John Granger & Ralph W. Fisk, as by said petition on file will appear

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Tuesday the twenty fifth day of March then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of John Granger in West Springfield as the time & place for viewing the premises: and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the Town of West Springfield being the town within which such highway is prayed for,

thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Post, a newspaper published in said County, said posting & the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time & place for commencing said view.

And on the said twenty fifth day of March the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, & having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider & adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then & there adjudge that Common Convenience & necessity require that the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

A. T. Leonard

Wm. V. Sessions

Melvin Copeland

} County

} Commissioners

which report being read & considered is accepted & the prayer of said petition refused with costs taxed at twenty five dollars & forty two cents.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, Alonzo Wait

The petition of Alonzo Wait of Chicopee in said County. Set for a Jury to respectfully sheweth - That a road has lately, to wit, on the fourth Tuesday of December last past, been located, & alterations made in a highway in the towns of Springfield & Chicopee by order of said Commissioners, on the petition of Lucius M. Warren, leading from land of William Byrneson to the road leading from Springfield to Chicopee - that said road as located crosses & passes over the land of your petitioner - that the Commissioners aforesaid estimated the damages sustained by him thereby at one hundred & seventy five dollars which your petitioner

Edmund Damages

says is insufficient & that he is aggrieved by the estimation of his damages occasioned by the location & alterations of said road.

Wherefore he prays that he may have a jury to determine the matter of this Complaint.

Chicopee June 24. 1851.

Abner Mait

By Atty. John Wells

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty one.

At which meeting John Wells, Daniel G. White and Warren Chapin, were agreed upon, as a Committee to estimate the damages.

And on the twenty eighth day of October then next a warrant was duly issued requiring the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy to summon the said Wells, White & Chapin to hear & determine the matter of Complaint set forth in said petition.

And at the term of the Court of Common Pleas holden at Springfield within & for said County on the second Monday of March 1852, the said Committee made their report in Writing, which report was returned into said Court of Common Pleas, and is in the words following, to wit,

The subscribers a Committee appointed by the foregoing Warrant having been sworn to the faithful performance of the duty assigned us met the parties in interest, at the Massachusetts House in Springfield on the 14th day of November last past at which time we viewed the premises & heard the evidence in the case. We then adjourned to Tuesday the ninth day of December current & heard the arguments of John Wells Esq. for the petitioner, & A. J. Leonard Esq. in behalf of the County, and now on this Seventeenth day of December having maturely considered the proofs allegations & arguments of the several parties do estimate the damages sustained by the petitioner to be two hundred & sixty five dollars & fifty two cents.

Witness our hands & seals this 17th day of December

1851.

John Wells & Seal
Daniel G. White & Seal
Warren Chapin & Seal

- which report having been adjudicated upon was accepted & the clerk ordered to certify the same to the County Commissioners according to law.

And now the said report & adjudication are returned here at this meeting & no further proceedings are had

To the Honorable the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

Charles B. Kettledge of Monson in said County of Hampden, respectfully represents that he is dissatisfied with the estimate of damages made by the Commissioners on the petition of the New London Willimantic & Palmer Rail Road Corporation, praying for an estimate of damages sustained by your petitioner by reason of land taken, & damages sustained by the building of said Rail Road across his estate situated in said Monson, and being so dissatisfied he appeals therefrom & prays that a warrant may issue to summon a Jury to hear & determine the damages by him so sustained, according to the provisions of the Statute in such case made & provided

Charles B. Kettledge

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty one

At which meeting it was ordered ^{the petitioning Comrs} that notice be given to the said Rail Road Corporation to appear at the next meeting of the County Commissioners to be holden on the first Tuesday of October then next, by serving it with an Attestate Copy of this petition & order therein fourteen days at least before said meeting, that they may then & there show Cause why the prayer of said petition should not be granted

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October then next, - At which meeting it was ordered that a Warrant for a Jury be issued, & on the 22^d day of said October a Warrant was issued requiring the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy to summon a Jury to hear & determine the matter of Complaint set forth in

in said petition.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting.

And now the parties having settled the matter of damages, no further proceedings are had

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Daniel Lombard
Pet. for a jury

To the County Commissioners of Hampden County,

Daniel Lombard, of Springfield represents that at the term of the Court of said Commissioners held on the fourth Tuesday of June 1849 Lucius Carey petitioned for a road to be laid out in Springfield leading from near the house of Heratio Sargeant through plainfield by said Carey's house & thereupon afterwards such proceedings were had that said road was duly established & located running in part over the petitioner's land, and said Commissioners awarded damages therefor for the sum of Two hundred & twenty three dollars & no more and the petitioner being aggrieved in said award of damages asks that a jury may be summoned & determine said question of damages -

Daniel Lombard

Springfield Oct. 1. 1851 -

By Geo. Ashmun his Atty

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty one and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting - And now the matter ^{of the complaint} of said petition is settled, by agreement, by the allowance of the sum of three hundred & seventy five dollars damages & the petition is dismissed.

Sydney Allen
Pet. for a jury to
est. damages

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

The undersigned having sustained damages in our lands by the laying out of a highway upon the petition of Ezra Allen & others by your Honorable Board, & feeling aggrieved by the doings of your honorable board in estimating & stating their damages, no damages being stated separately to the undersigned in separate shares in the return of said doings altho the lands of the undersigned are held & owned by them separately & not jointly nor in common, and said estimate being inadequate, pray your honorable board that we may have a jury to determine the matter of our

Complaint, unless we can agree with your honorable board, to have the same determined by a Committee to be appointed under the direction of said board.

April 5, 1852

Sysander Allen

Lebina Allen

By Sysander Allen

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting & now the Commissioners agree with the petitioners, to allow them severally as follows.

To Sysander Allen in all Ninety five dollars \$95.00

Lebina Allen " " Eighty five dollars \$85.00

To the Honorable County Commissioners of Hampden County

Cyrus Frink & others

Pet for a jury to

Est. damages

We the undersigned having sustained damages by the laying out of a highway upon the petition of Ezra Allen & others, in our lands, & feeling aggrieved by the doings of the Commissioners in estimating our damages, pray your Honorable board that we may have a jury to determine the matter of our Complaint, unless we can agree with the Commissioners to have the same determined by a Committee to be appointed under the direction of your Hon. Board.

Molyok April 3, 1851 -

Cyrus Frink & others

The foregoing petition was entered at this meeting & now the Commissioners agree with Cyrus Frink to allow him in all two hundred & fourteen dollars \$214.00

In Conformity with a resolve of the General Court passed at their present session granting a tax of Twenty eight Thousand dollars for the County of Hampden, the same is apportioned upon the several towns in said County, in manner following to wit-

Apportionment
of County
Tax

Blanford	673.35
Brimfield	120.64
Chester	575.15
Whicopa	4,222.45
Granville	512.02
Wollama	189.38

And warrants have been issued May 7, 1872 directed to the selectmen or assessors of the several towns in the county directing them to assess the same upon the inhabitants of their respective towns stopping these Collectors or constables to collect the same & pay the same to the State County Treasurer, or his successor, or order by the last day of August next ensuing as the law directs.

Norfolk	2 258.52
Longmeadow	981.93
Andover	568.14
Albion	1157.31
Montgomery	196.39
Palmer	1564.13
Russell	217.43
Southwick	652.30
Springfield	7785.57
Tolland	252.57
Wales	287.58
Westfield	1991.98
West Springfield	1962.93
Wilbraham	1122.24
	<hr/> \$28,000.00

Licenses

The following persons are licensed as Innholders, at the places set against their names, without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

John Parks, in Rail Road Hotel, (near Chester village)	Blandford
Glossum Prudettin, Williamsett House, Williamsett	Chicopee
Louise Lard, in his house near Chicopee Falls,	"
Madison Kendall, Corner of Front St. & Market Square	"
Horace Adams, Eagle Hotel,	"
John B. Dickinson, Corner of Front & Church Sts, Chicopee	"
Rufus Mosher, Corner of Exchange & Front Sts. (Junction)	"
Eliza Kinney, his house about 30 rods from Meeting house	Malden
Chester Crafts, in his house where he has kept, hitherto	Norfolk
Eliaz Tustin, at his house in Center of the town	Palmer
Seth A. Simpson Village Hotel	Bendville
Thomas Ames, Lockwater House	Palmer Depot
Charles D. Foster, Thorndike Village, at the house formerly kept	"
Thomas Marshall, Union House	Palmer Depot
Michael Taylor, Portwood House, near Depot	Westfield
William Bates, farm and house,	"
Syrus Johnson, Rail Road House	"
He & He Bartholomew, at the house now occupied by them,	West Springfield
Alexander Stocking, at his house near meeting house,	Montgomery
Thomas S. Chaffin, at his house in Center of Town,	Blandford
Gilbert Ayer, Union House, at Blandford	"
Geo. C. Hervey, at his house at Corner of Common	Brimfield

Holotype
 Palmar

The following persons are licensed to sell intoxicating liquors
for medicinal & medicinal purposes only, at the places set
against their names.

Blandford

Leicester

Whisper

22

Wolcott

51 Westfield

West Springfield

Mampden ss. May 5. 1852 Judgment is entered up according to report &c and all matters not acted on are ordered to be continued and this Meeting is adjourned without day.

Attest

Geo B Morris

Clerk pro tem per

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Mampden ss.

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within & for the County of Hampden, on the fourth Tuesday of June being the twenty second day of the month to the twenty third day of said month, and by adjournment on the thirteenth day of July, & by adjournment on the fifteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty two

Present - Abram J. Leonard Esq. Chairman

Melvin Copeland " } County

William V. Sessions " } Commissioners

Abram Miller et al To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.
Pet. for a highway Your petitioners represent that the public convenience and necessity require that a road be laid out commencing at the pine stump so called, near the Northwest Corner of West Springfield, and running across the plain to intersect old road near the Southeast Corner of James Danks land and running easterly to the most convenient place, to turn southerly near Dea, Hitchcock's house & running southerly across Dea, Hitchcock's, Nathaniel Thaps, and William Perkins land near the spring from where the road starts, to near the Southwest corner of William Perkins, woods, thence in a northeasterly course to the house occupied by Eleazar Olapp and running northeasterly to near where the road crosses the brook; thence easterly across Ichabud Howes & Julius Dags land, to the south end of the ledge on the west side of the Swamp; thence northerly on the east side of the ledge near a bass tree, on Abram Millers land; thence across the hollow & continue in a northeasterly course on the south

side of the hill, to land of Charles Ball: thence across the corner
of said Ball's land to land of Bishop Allen on top of the hill:
thence easterly to the main road leading from West Springfield to
Northampton in the most convenient place or places between Charles
Ball's barn & Abram Miller's house. As our duty bound, we pray
your honors to view & locate said road,
West Springfield March 8, 1848. — Abram Miller & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County
Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of
April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty
eight —

At which meeting notice to view was ordered, but no
proceedings were had under said order & this petition was
continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of said
Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday
of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & forty
nine. At which meeting a new notice to view was ordered
but no proceedings were had under said order, & this petition
was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of said
Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday
of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
& fifty.

At which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view
of the premises expedient & proper, gave notice that they would
meet for the purpose of said view at the dwelling house
of Chester Crafts in Holyoke on Tuesday the twenty first day
of May then next at nine o'clock A.M. and it was ordered
by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be
served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy upon the
clerk of the town of Holyoke in said County, thirty days at
least before the said twenty first day of May, and that all
other persons & corporations interested therein be notified, by
publishing a copy of said petition & this order therein in the
Holyoke Times, a public newspaper printed in said County
three weeks successively, the last publication to be ^{fourteen days} at least
before the time of said view, and it was further ordered by
the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts
containing the substance thereof & this order be posted up by said
Sheriff or Deputy in two public places in the town of Holyoke
fourteen days before the said twenty first day of May, and that

notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons & corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient & proper, & that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty one - And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Wampden St. April 20. 1850 - I served the Town Clerk of Hologate with an attested copy of this petition & order thereon by leaving the same at his dwelling house, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance thereof.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Wampden ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Wampden, held at Springfield in said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty.

On the petition of Abram Miller & others, before that time presented to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth that the public convenience & necessity require that a new road be laid out commencing at the pine stump so called, near corner of West Springfield and running across the plain to intersect old road near the southeast corner of James Banks' land & running westerly to the most convenient place to turn southerly near Sen. Hitchcock's house, and running southerly across Sen. Hitchcock's, Nathaniel Sharp, & William Perkins land near the Spring from where the Aqueduct starts to near the southwest corner of William Perkins Woods; thence in a northeasterly course to the house occupied by Oleason Clapp & running northeasterly to near where the road crosses the brook; thence easterly across Schaben's & Josiah Days land to the south end of the ledge on the west side of the Swamp; thence northerly on the east side of the ledge near a bass tree on Abram Miller's land, thence across the hollow & continue in a northeasterly course on the south side of the hill to land of Charles Ball, thence across

the corner of said Boser land to land of Bishop Allen on top of
the hill thence easterly to the main road leading from West
Springfield to Northampton in the most convenient place or places
between Charles Ball's town & Abner Miller's house, as by said
petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient,
appointed Tuesday the twenty first day of May then next
and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Chester
Crafts in Holyoke as the time & place for viewing the premises
and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the
 clerk of the town of Holyoke, the same having been incorporated
since the presentation of said petition, being the town within
which such road is prayed for, thirty days at least before the
time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of
said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in
two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all
persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be pub-
lished, three weeks successively in the Holyoke Times, a news-
paper published in said County, said posting & the last publi-
cation of said copy having been fourteen days at least before
the time appointed for said view; and before said view
was had, said Commissioners gave notice in ^{the} manner as
described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons
interested of the time & place for commencing said view.

And on the said twenty first day of May the Commissioners
met at the time & place appointed & proceeded to view the
premises and having viewed the same, the Commissioners
the returned to hear the parties at the same time of
said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners
then proceeded to consider & adjudicate upon the prayer
of said petition; and after considering the same, said
Commissioners did then & there adjudge that Common Con-
venience & necessity require that a highway be located from
a point at or near a bunch of shuteoaks with stones
about them, to a point at or near the West line of James
Banks' land.

A. P. Leonard

Melvin Copeland

Wm. V. Sessions

} County Commissioners

which report being read & considered, was accepted & the
road prayed for as specified in said report, adjudged of

Common Convenience & necessity.

At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons & Corporations interested therein that said Commissioners would meet at the dwelling house of James Banks in Holyoke on Thursday the fifteenth day of April then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said highway, by publishing an abstract of said petition & this order thereon, in the Hampden Freeman a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said fifteenth day of April.

And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, send the Clerk of the town of Holyoke, the same having been incorporated since the presentation of said petition, with a copy of said petition & this order, thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Holyoke, fourteen days at least before the said fifteenth day April, at which time the said Commissioners would meet & proceed to locate said highway, & would hear all persons & Corporations interested therein, who might then & there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion might be just & proper, by reason of the location of said road.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and the ^{Deputy} Sheriff of said County, in pursuance of said order, makes his return as follows

Hampden St. March 8. 1852 - I served the town Clerk of Holyoke with an attested copy of this petition & order, by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Crofts; Dep. Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden St.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred & fifty.

On the petition of Abram Miller & others, before that time

presented to said Commissioners representing & setting forth, that the public convenience & necessity require that a new road be laid out commencing at the pine Swamp so called near the corner of West Springfield & running across the plain to intersect the old road near the southeast corner of James Banks land & running Easterly to the most convenient place to turn South-easterly near Sen. Mitchcocks house, and running Southerly across Sen. Mitchcocks, Nathaniel Thap, & William Perkins land near the Spring from where the Aqueduct starts to near the Southwest corner of William Perkins wood, thence in a South-easterly course to the house occupied by Oloren Clapp and running Northeasterly to near where the road crosses the brook, then Easterly across Ichabod Howe & Julius Dags land to the South end of the ledge on the West side of the Swamp then Easterly on the East side of the ledge near a bass tree on Abram Millers land, then across the hollow & continue in a Northeasterly course on the South side of the hill, to land of Charles Ball, thence across the corner of said Balls land to land of Bishop Allen on top of the hill, thence Easterly to the main road leading from West Springfield to Northampton, in the most convenient place or places, between Charles Balls barn & Abram Millers house, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Tuesday the twenty first day of May then next, & nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Chester Crofts in Holyoke, as the time & place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Holyoke the same having been incorporated since the presentation of said petition, being the town within which such road is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively, in the Holyoke Times, a newspaper published in said County, said posting & the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all

persons interested of the time & place for commencing said views. And on the said twenty first day of May, the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners held at Springfield aforesaid on the fourth Tuesday of December then next at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider & adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, & after considering the same said Commissioners did adjudge that the Common Convenience & necessity require that a highway be located from a point at or near a bunch of short-oaks with stones about them, to a point at or near the West line of James Danks land, and after adjudicating as aforesaid said Commissioners appointed Thursday the fifteenth day of April then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of James Danks in said Hockley as the time & place when & where they would meet & proceed to locate said highway, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time & place appointed for such location, in the same manner as the notice & publication was given & made, and as is by law in such case made & provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) in the Hampden Freeman, a newspaper published in said County, on the said fifteenth day of April, met & proceeded to locate said highway as follows, viz, Beginning at a stone on the North side of the old road at the Southwestly corner of land owned by James Danks, then running West, ten & a half degrees North, forty five rods & one link on land of Tryon Winchell to a road, then in the same course ten & a half rods to a stone set in the ground, at the pine stump road,

The Commissioners direct that the road bed be made of a uniform grade after being tamped to the width of at least twenty feet exclusive of ditches, and that the same be completed to the acceptance of the Commissioners on or before the first day of October next.

The highway is located three rods in width & the line run is on the Northwily side thereof, and said Commission-

sums assess the damage occasioned by said location as follows viz.

To Teyon Winchell nine dollars	9.00
" Barnes & Co. two dollars	2.00
	<u>\$ 11.00</u>

W. T. Leonard
Melvin Copeland } County Commissioners
Wm V. Sessions }

which report being read & considered is accepted & the road established as & for a public highway.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden Martin Sackett & others
We the undersigned petition your Honorable Board, to set for alterations
view the road leading from Westfield to Northampton of Highway
commencing at the top of Clay hill so called, and running from Westfield
to near the house of Whiting Barnes in Southampton - to Southampton
and make such alterations as your Board may think
the public good requires, Martin Sackett & others

Westfield Sept 5, 1849.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County
Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday
of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hun-
dred & forty nine.

At which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of
the premises expedient & proper, gave notice that they would
meet for the purpose of said view, at the Pontotoc House
in Westfield on Wednesday the twenty first day of Novem-
ber then next, at Ten o'clock A.M. and it was ordered
by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition
be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon
the Clerk of the town of Westfield in said County, thirty
days at least, before the said twenty first day of Novem-
ber, and that all other persons & Corporations interested
therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition
& this order therein, in the Hampden Post, a public news-
paper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the
last publication to be fourteen days at least before the
time of said view, and it was further ordered by the
Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts
containing the substance thereof & this order, be posted up
by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of

Westfield, fourteen days before the said twenty first day of November, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons & Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient & proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December then next, And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Wampden St. Oct. 20, 1844.

I served the Town Clerk of Westfield with an Attested Copy of this petition & order by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Wampden St.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, of the County of Hampden held at Springfield in said County, on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & forty nine.

On the petition of Martin Sackel & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth, that public good requires alterations in the road leading from Westfield to Southampton, commencing at the top of Clay Hill so called & running to near the house of Whiting Barnes in Southampton, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the twenty first day of November then next, and at ten o'clock in the forenoon at the Pontreue House in Westfield, as the time & place for viewing the premises, and caused a Copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Westfield being the town within which such alterations are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing

the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Windsor Post, a newspaper published in said County, said posting & the last publication of said copy - having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time & place for considering said view.

And on the said twenty first day of November, the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider & adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then & there adjudge that Common Convenience & necessity require the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Bennett Leavitt
Samuel Root } County Commissioners
John McCray }

which report being read & considered was accepted & the adjunction prayed for adjudged of Common Convenience & necessity.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners holding for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty one.

At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons & Corporations interested therein that the Commissioners would meet at the dwelling house of Eliejah Taylor in Westfield on Thursday the fifteenth day of April then next at one o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of locating said adjunctions, by publishing an abstract of said petition & this order therein, in the Westfield News Letter, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said fifteenth day of April.

And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners that

the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Town Clerk of the town of Westfield with a copy of said petition & this order, thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Westfield, fourteen days at least before the said fifteenth day of April, at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to make said alterations, & would hear all persons & Corporations interested therein, who might then & there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion might be just & proper, by reason of the location of said alterations,

And this petition was continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows
Hampden W. March 14. 1852 - In obedience to the foregoing petition I this day notified the Town Clerk of Westfield by giving in hand an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, and also posting up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance thereof
Justin Wilson Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden W.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, ^{in said County} on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & forty nine.

On the petition of Martin Sacket & others, then presented to said Commissioners, requesting them to view the road leading from Westfield to Southampton, commencing at the top of Clay hill so called, and running to near the house of Whiting Barnes in Southampton, and make such alterations as the public good might require, as by said petition on file will appear,

The Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises, appointed Wednesday the twenty first day of November then next, and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the Portwouse House in Westfield, as the time & place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the Town of Westfield, being the town within which such alteration is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts containing the substance

thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a newspaper published in said County, said posting & the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested, of the time & place for considering said view.

And on the said twenty first day of November, the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commission, was held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of December then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, & after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider, and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners be granted: and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Thursday the fifteenth day of April then next, and were asked in the forenoon, at the house of Usheriah Taylor in said Westfield, as the time & place when & where they would meet & proceed to locate said alterations; and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication & the time & place appointed for such location, in the same manner as the notice & publication was given & made, and as is by law in such case made & provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said fifteenth day of April met & proceeded to locate said alterations as follows, viz, Beginning at a stone at the Northeast Corner of land owned by Henry Deane, upon the West side of the road leading to Northampton, & upon the South side of the road leading from Montgomery to Chicopee & running North thirty six degrees East, sixty rods to a stone, then on the same course one hundred & six and a half rods to an Apple tree marked, being the most Westerly of a group of five Apple trees, then on the same course seventeen rods to a small Yellow pine marked, then the same course forty rods to a stone, then the same course sixty rods to a stone, then the same course twenty rods to a large Yellow pine marked, then North thirty

from a quarter degree East one hundred & sixty three rods to a Stone then in the same course one hundred & sixty two rods & eight links to a Yellow Pine marked, then North thirty four & a half degree East one hundred & sixty four rods to a Stone - then the same course forty five rods to a Stone - then North thirty seven & three fourths degrees East fifty one rods to a Stone - then North twenty nine degrees East seventy four rods & twelve links to a Stone - then North twenty four degrees East, sixty rods to a Stone - then North thirty four & a half degree East, fifty nine rods to an Apple tree marked - then North forty six degrees East forty five rods to a Stone, at the County line near the house of Nathan W. Barnes -

Said road is laid, as above, three rods in width, the line run being upon the Westly side thereof.

The whole length of the line run, is three miles one hundred eighty one rods & seven links -

No person or Corporation appeared before the Commissioners to claim damage occasioned by said location, and none are sustained in the judgment of said Commissioners -

Norman T. Seaverns Esq. Chairman of the Commissioners being resident in said Westfield notice was given by the other members of the Board, to Oliver Bates, who appeared & acted in his stead

Alvin Hopland

Wm V. Sessions

Oliver Bates

County Commissioners

Spent Commissioners

which report being read & considered is accepted & the location established as & for a public highway

Wm Thompson & al
Pet for a highway
in Wales &c

To the Hon County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire
The undersigned, Citizens of the towns of Wales & Holland in said County, respectfully represent, that the public convenience requires alterations in the County road, so called, dividing the towns of Wales & Holland aforesaid, commencing near the house of Abner Cohen in said Wales, thence Northly, making such alterations & new pieces of road as the public good may require, terminating a little North-Eastly from Willenon Thompsons barn in said Wales.
The undersigned also represent, that public good requires that a new road be laid out & made, commencing a little

Authentically from said William Thompson's Deeds thence Northwardly, crossing the farm of Asa Houghton, intersecting the road leading from said Wales to Brimfield, between Daniel Shaw's House & Saw Mill in said Wales, The undersigned therefore request your Hon. Board to view said route and make such alterations & new pieces of road as you in your wisdom may think the public good requires -

Wales Nov. 7. 1849

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty nine, and continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and now it is ordered by the Commissioners that this petition be dismissed.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden Samuel Mills Jr.
The subscribers, Citizens of Chicopee & Ludlow respectfully represent to your Honorable Board that the public convenience & necessity require an alteration in the highway, commencing in Chicopee & at the Grant's new road in Ludlow near the House of John Ludlow Merdy, & running West by the house of Samuel Mills to Chicopee Falls, that the road is very crooked & the lanes narrow, and in many places confined between banks, wholly to the obstruction of ^{the} travelling in turning out, & also obstructed by long & steep hills, which may ^{well} be obviated, and some one hundred rods of distance saved, by having the road laid out by the last board of Commissioners, round the clay banks, so called, worked, which the town have refused to do. - Your petitioners therefore ask your board to view said highway & make such alterations, by straightening & working the road on the easterly part of the route, and by ordering that part of the new road, laid out by the last board of Commissioners, worked, if practicable, or lay a new road on or near the same ground, or by laying a new road further North, or grade the hills, as shall be in your judgment best for the public convenience.

Chicopee March 2. 1851 -

Samuel Mills Jr & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred

& fifty one — At which meeting the Commissioners deeming
 a view of the premises expedient & proper, gave notice that
 they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling
 house of Albert Ward in Chicopee on Friday the twenty third
 day of May then next, at nine o'clock A.M. and it was
 ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said
 petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy
 upon the Clerks of the towns of Chicopee & Ludlow in said
 County, thirty days at least before the said twenty third day
 of May, and that all other persons & Corporations interested
 therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition &
 this order therein, in the Chicopee Telegraph, a public news-
 paper printed in said County, three weeks successively the
 last publication to be fourteen days at least before the
 time of said view, — and it was ^{further} ordered by the Commis-
 sioners that copies of said petition or abstracts containing
 the substance thereof, & this order, be posted up by said Sheriff
 or Deputy in two public places in the towns of Chicopee &
 Ludlow, fourteen days before the said twenty third day of
 May, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to
 all persons & Corporations interested, that the County Commis-
 sioners deem a view of the premises expedient & proper,
 and that a view of the same would be taken by them
 at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meet-
 ing to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden
 for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December then
 next. And the Sheriff of said County made his return
 as follows:

Hampden St. April 22^d, 1857. I served the Town Clerks
 of the Towns of Chicopee & Ludlow ^{each} with an attested copy
 of this petition & order, by leaving the same at the dwelling
 house of each, and posted up in two public places in
 each of said towns, an abstract containing the substance
 of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report
 in writing as follows:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

Hampden St.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, of the

County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County on the second Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty-one.

On the petition of Samuel Mills Jr & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth, that the public convenience & necessity require an alteration in the highway, commencing at the Granby new road, in Ludlow near the house of John Moody & running West by the house of Samuel Mills to Chicope Falls - That the road is very crooked & the lanes narrow, & in many places confined between banks, wholly to the obstruction of the traveller in turning out, & also obstructed by long & steep hills which may be well obviated & some one hundred rods of distance saved, by having the road laid out by the last board of Commissioners round the Clay Bank so called, worked, which the town have refused to do, and asking the Board to view said highway & make such alterations by straightening & working the road on the easterly part of the road, & by ordering that part of the new road laid out by the last board of Commissioners, worked if practicable, or lay ~~out~~ a new road on or near the same ground, or by laying a new road further North or grade the hills as should be, in the judgment of the Commissioners best for the public convenience - as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Friday the twenty third day of May then next, and then adjourned in the forenoon, at the house of Albert Wait in Chicope as the time & place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be read upon the Clerk of the town of Chicope being the town within which such alterations are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Telegraph a newspaper published in said County, said posting & the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the

petition to all persons interested of the terms & plan for
commencing said view.

And on the said twenty third day of May, the Commis-
sioners met at the time & place appointed & proceeded to
view the premises, & having viewed the same, the Commis-
sioners then determined to hear the parties at the same
time of said view, and having heard the parties, said
Commissioners then proceeded to consider & adjudge
upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the
same, said Commissioners did then & there adjudge that
the existing highway between the termini mentioned in the
petition can be so far amended as to supercede the neces-
sity of laying out a new highway, or altering ^{the location of} the existing
ways, by directing specific repairs in so much of said
highway as lies between the barn of David M. Butterfield
to the late dwelling house of Calvin Cooley.

A. T. Leonard } County
Melvin Copeland } Commissioners
Wm. V. Sessions }

which report being read & considered was accepted & the
specific repairs as specified in said report, adjudged of
Common Convenience & necessity.

At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice
be given to all persons & Corporations interested therein, that
said Commissioners would meet at the Chicopee Falls Hotel
in Chicopee on Friday the second day of April then next
at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of lo-
cating said specific repairs, by publishing an abstract of said
petition & this order therein in the Chicopee Telegraph, a public
newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the
last publication to be fourteen days at least before the
said second day of April.

And it was further ordered by the County Commis-
sioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, send
the Clerk of the Town of Chicopee with a copy of said
petition & this order, thirty days at least - & post up
abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public
places in said town of Chicopee fourteen days at least
before the said second day of April, at which time the
said Commissioners would proceed to establish such ~~at-~~
tains specific repairs on said highway, and would hear

all persons & corporations interested therein, who might then
& then desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their
opinion might be just & proper, by reason of said specific
repairs.

And this petition was ^{permanently to meeting} continued to this meeting, and
the ^{deputy} Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows,

Hampden Co., March 1, 1852 - In obedience to the foregoing
petition I this day notified the Town Clerk of Chicopee by
giving him in hand an attested copy of this petition & order
thereon, also on the thirteenth day of the same month, posted
up in two public places in said town, an abstract contain-
ing the substance thereof

O. Crofts Deft. Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing
as follows,

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the
County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County
on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eight-
een hundred & fifty one

On the petition of Samuel Mills & others, then presented
to said Commissioners representing & setting forth that
the public convenience & necessity require an alteration
in the highway commencing at the Granby new road in
Sutton near the house of John Moody & running west by
the house of Samuel Mills, to Chicopee Falls, that the road
is very crooked & the lanes narrow, & in many places
confined between banks wholly to the obstruction of the
traveler in turning out & also obstructed by long & steep
hills which may well be obviated & some one hundred
yards of distance saved, by having the road laid out by
the last board of Commissioners round the Clay banks
so called, worked, which the town have refused to do -
and praying the Commissioners to make such alterations
by straightening & working the road on the easterly part
of the route & by ordering that part of the new road laid
out by last board of Commissioners, worked, if practicable
or lay a new road on or near the same ground, or by lay-
ing a new road further north or grade the hills as should be
in the judgment of the Commissioners best for the public

Commissioners, as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Friday the twenty third day of May then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Albert Hunt in Chicopee, as the time & place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Chicopee being the town within which such alteration highway lies the attention of which is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Chicopee Telegraph a newspaper published in said County, said posting & the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested, of the time & place for commencing said view, - And on the said twenty third day of May, the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, & having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid on the fourth Tuesday of December then next at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing said Commissioners proceeded to consider & adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same said Commissioners did adjudge that the existing highway between the termini mentioned in the petition can be so far amended as to supersede the necessity of laying out a new highway or altering the location of existing ways, by directing specific repairs in so much of said highway as lies between the town of David M. Butterfield to the late dwelling house of Oliver Corby, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Friday the second day of April then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Chicopee Falls Hotel in said Chicopee as the time & place when & where they would meet & proceed to establish such specific repairs

and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjournment & the time & place appointed for establishing such repairs, in the same manner as the notice & publication was given & made, and as is by law in such case made & provided before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition, instead of a copy thereof) on the said second day of April, 1861, I proceeded to direct such specific repairs to be made, as follows, viz: The road here to be constructed eighteen feet wide exclusive of Ditches - the Slopes of the excavation & embankment to be one & a half feet base to one foot rise with suitable ditches on each side for the free passage of water. From a point eight rods Northwesterly from the top of Cooleys hill to a point four rods Southeast of the present bridge across the Coaley brook the road here to be so constructed as not to exceed a grade of four & a half degrees - a new bridge will be required over said brook.

At the "School house hill" the road will be graded as follows, viz: - Begin at a point in the travelled path, twenty two rods, westerly of a small Cherry staddle standing on the Northwesterly side of the road near the foot of the hill & grading said hill Easterly so that it will in no place exceed four degrees - the distance to be graded is twenty two & a half rods - the Cuts & fills to be in the present road bed - then begin at the Bridge & run Easterly fill on the bridge about nine inches & run a true grade of five degrees for twenty four rods - thence for twelve rods the road to be a true grade of three fourths of a degree, the Cuts & fills to be on the present road bed.

The above repairs at Cooleys hill, may be made within the limits of the highway defined as follows viz:

Beginning at a point bearing North thirty seven & a quarter degrees West twelve rods & ^{ten} links from the North Easterly side of a large White oak tree & running the North Easterly line of said highway South, thirty seven & a quarter degrees East twelve rods & ten links to the Southeastwesterly side of said tree - then for the road to be three rods wide then South thirty four & a half degrees East eight rods to the brow of the hill in this distance the road is widened to four rods at the Southeastwesterly end - then the same course eleven rods & twenty links to a Maple tree marked then

South, fifty three degrees & twenty five minutes East seven rods & twenty links to a maple Standell, marking the highway on the two last Courses is four rods wide then South forty five degrees East, twenty three rods & twenty links to a maple tree marked, standing on the Southeastly side of Cooley brook; on the last Course the road is narrowed to three rods wide at the Southly end —

All the materials used in the Construction of the road & bridge are to be well adapted to the purposes for which they are employed — All sandy portions of the hills above mentioned, are to be hardened with some suitable material to the depth of at least six inches All the work is to be performed in a thorough, substantial & workmanlike manner & to the acceptance of the Commissioners on or before the fifteenth day of September next.

And the said Commissioners assess as damages to Chloe Cooley ten dollars, occasioned by these proceedings Norman T. Leonard Esq. Chairman of the board, being unable to attend the meeting aforesaid, notice was given by the other members to Oliver Bates Esq. one of the Special Commissioners, who appeared & acted in his stead,

Alvin Copeland }
Mr V. Sessions } County Commissioners

Oliver Bates - Special Commissioner

which report being read & considered is accepted and the specific repairs established.

S. A. Hitchcock
Sol. Pet for a
Highway in
Brimfield

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.
We the Subscribers, Inhabitants & legal voters of the Town of Brimfield, would represent to your Honorable Board, that public Convenience requires a road or highway to be constructed commencing near the house of Silas Parker & intersecting the County road, between the house of Sumner Parker & the plain brook, so called, in said Town.

We therefore petition you to view the said route & locate said road if in your Judgment the same is thought expedient
Brimfield Jan 20, 1851.

S. A. Hitchcock & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the

County Commissioners, holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty one.

At which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient & proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view at the dwelling house of Sumner Parker in Brimfield on Wednesday the twentieth day of August then next, at nine o'clock A.M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy upon the Clerk of the town of Brimfield, in said County, thirty days or least before the said twentieth day of August, and that all other persons & Corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition & this order therein in the Salem Journal, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively the last publication to be fourteen days or least before the time of said view, and it was further ordered by the Commissioners that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof & this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Brimfield fourteen days before said twentieth day of August, & that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons & Corporations interested, that the Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient & proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from Meeting to Meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December then next, and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Wampatan Sd. July 8 1857. In obedience to the foregoing petition I this day notified the town Clerk of Brimfield by giving in hand an attested copy of this petition & order therein, also posting up in two public places, in said town an abstract containing the substance thereof.

Justin Wilson Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Wampatan Sd.

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Wampatan, held at Springfield in said County

on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord
eighteen hundred & fifty one

On the petition of S. A. Hitchcock & others, legal voters
of the town of Brimfield, then presented to said Commissioners
in representing & setting forth that public convenience requires
that a highway be constructed commencing near the house
of Silas Parker, & intersecting the County road between
the house of Sumner Parker & the plain brook so called, in
said town, and praying the Commissioners to view said
route & locate said road if in their judgment the same
is thought expedient, as by said petition on file will
appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises
expedient, appointed Wednesday the twentieth day of August
then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house
of Sumner Parker, in Brimfield, as the time & place for
viewing the premises: and caused a copy of said petition
to be served upon the clerk of the town of Brimfield, being
the town within which such highway is prayed for, thirty
days at least before the time appointed for said view, and
also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance
thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and
also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy
of said petition to be published three weeks successively, in the
Palmer Journal, a newspaper published in said County, said
posting & the last publication of said copy having been fourteen
days at least before the time appointed for said view, & before
said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like
manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to
all persons interested, of the time & place for commencing
said view.

And on the said twentieth day of August, the Commis-
sioners met at the time & place appointed & proceeded to view
the premises, & having viewed the same, the Commissioners
then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said
view: and having ^{heard} the parties, said Commissioners then
proceeded to consider the prayer of said petition: And after
considering the same, the matter was reserved for further
consideration, until the regular meeting of said Commis-
sioners held at said Springfield within & for said County
of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of December then

sent at which meeting the petitioners appeared & moved
for leave to amend their said petition so as to embrace
the discontinuance of the old highway from near the house
of Sumner Parker to near the house of the late Luke Charles
and also the old highway leading from the said Sumner
Parker's to the house of said Silas Parker: And the said
Commissioners, having thereupon ordered that they would
act upon the allowance of said motion at their adjourned
meeting to be held on the twenty eighth day of January
then next & that a copy of said petition & this order thereon
be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy upon
the Clerk of the town of Springfield aforesaid, thirty days at
least before the said twenty eighth day of January and
that all persons & Corporations interested therein be notified
by publishing a copy of said petition & said order thereon
in the Salem Journal, a public newspaper printed in
said County, three weeks successively, the last publication
to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty eighth
day of January, on which last mentioned day at an
adjourned meeting of said Commissioners as aforesaid
held at said Springfield, it appearing that an Attested
Copy of said motion & of the order thereon had been served
& published, and after further considering said petition
as amended, the said Commissioners then & there proceeded
to adjudicate upon said petition as amended, & did then
& there determine, that the public Convenience & necessity
require that the prayer thereof should be granted,

McLvin Copeland Esq. one of the Commissioners, being
unable to be present at the original view had upon said
petition, notice was given by the other members of the
board to Lucius F. Newton Esq. one of the Special Com-
missioners, who appeared & acted in his stead,

A. D. Leonard

McLvin Copeland } County Commissioners
Wm. V. Sessions }

Lucius F. Newton Special Commissioner

which report being read & considered was accepted & the road
& discontinuance prayed for adjudged of Common Convenience
& necessity.

At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice
be given to all persons & Corporations interested therein, that said

Commissioners would meet at the dwelling house of Samuel Parker in Brimfield on Wednesday the twelfth day of May then next at ten o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of locating & discontinuing said highways, by publishing an abstract of said petition & this order chosen in the Salem Journal, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twelfth day of May. And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of Brimfield with a copy of said petition & this order, thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof, in two public places in said town of Brimfield, fourteen days at least before the said twelfth day of May, at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to locate & discontinue said highways, & would hear all persons & corporations interested therein who might then & there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion might be just & proper by reason of the location of said road.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows,

Hampden S. April 6, 1852

In obedience to the foregoing petition I this day notified the town Clerk of Brimfield, by giving in hand an attested copy of this petition & order chosen and also posting up in two public places in said town abstracts containing the substance thereof,

Justin Wilson Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Sd.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty one

On the petition of S. S. Hitchcock & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth that the public convenience requires a highway to be constructed

commencing near the house of Silas Parker & intersecting the County road between the house of Sumner Parker & the plain brook so called in said town, and to discontinue the old highway from near the house of Sumner Parker to near the house of the late Suke Charles & also the old highway leading from the said Sumner Parker to the house of Silas Parker, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Wednesday the twentieth day of August then next & nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Sumner Parker in Springfield as the time & place for viewing the premises, & caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Springfield, being the town within which such location & discontinuance are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Salem Journal, a newspaper published in said County, said posting & the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested of the time & place for commencing said view.

And on the said twentieth day of August, the Commissioners the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed, & proceeded to view the premises, & having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners held at Springfield aforesaid, on the first Tuesday of October then next, at which meeting the parties were heard and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider & adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners so far as regards locating said highway, be granted, & that as to so much thereof as prays for a discontinuance of the highway leading from Sumner Parker to Silas Parker, be granted, & that all that part of the other highway therein mentioned

and after adjudicating as aforesaid said Commissioners appointed Wednesday the twelfth day of May the next at ten o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Sumner Parker in said Brimfield, as the time & place, when & where they would meet & proceed to locate & discontinue as aforesaid, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication & the time & place appointed for such location & discontinuance, in the same manner as the notice & publication was given & made, and as is by law in such case made & provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said twelfth day of May, met & proceeded to locate said highway as follows viz. Commencing at a Stone Monument on the East side of the highway leading from Paloma to Wales by land of Sumner Parker - then running North thirty eight degrees East eighty four rods & five links, to a Stone Monument set in the ground by the old road leading from Paloma to Brimfield. The line run is on the West side or right hand side of the location, & the highway is located three rods in width -

The road bed will be required to be worked at least twenty feet in width exclusive of ditches, & all undulations ascended to a level & all sandy & soft places to be covered with some suitable hardening material to the depth of at least six inches - Should any steeper ways be found to be necessary, the same will be required to be constructed of stone - All the work must be performed in a skillful & workmanlike manner & to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of October next. The owners of land over which it passes are allowed until the first day of September next to remove their wood timber & trees therefrom -

Said Commissioners also proceeded at the same time & place to discontinue said highways, the discontinuance of which was prayed for in said petition, except that part of said highway leading from Sumner Parker's dwelling house to the late dwelling house of Luke Charles, which passes over or adjoins the lands of Sally or Patty Charles & land of Abner James.

After having established such location & discontinuance the Commissioners then proceeded to estimate the damages

occasional study as follows, viz.

To Sumner Parker Twenty one dollars	71.00
Alben James One hundred & seventy five dollars	175.00
	\$246.00

As other persons ^{in Corporation} appeared to claim damages & some other
sustained damages in the judgment of said Commissioners.

A. T. Seward } County
Wm V Sessions } Commissioners,
(Melvin Copeland)

which report being read & considered, is accepted and the
road established as & for a public highway & the roads
as described in said report discontinued

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden John McGray & al
Your petitioners Citizens of said County of Hampden & of the Pet for highway
County of Tolland in the State of Connecticut, respectfully in Wilbraham
represent that public convenience requires that a highway be
laid out & constructed, in the town of Wilbraham, beginning
near the dwelling house of Erasmus Cooley in said town of
Wilbraham & running Southeastly to the State line

We therefore request your Honorable board to view & locate
said proposed highway, as you in your wisdom may think
proper.

Wilbraham June 11. 1851.

John McGray & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County
Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tues-
day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred & fifty one,

At which meeting the Commissioners, deeming a view
of the premises expedient & proper, gave notice that they
would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling
house of Erasmus Cooley in Wilbraham, on Wednesday the
sixth day of August then next at nine o'clock A. M.
And it was ordered by the County Commissioners, that a
copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County
or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Wilbraham in said
County, thirty days at least before the said sixth day of August
and that all other persons & Corporations interested therein, be
notified by publishing a copy of said petition & this order
therein in the Springfield Republican, a public newspaper printed

in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be five ten days at least before the said term of said term. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that Copies of said petition, or abstract containing the substance thereof, & this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy in two public places in the town of Wilbraham fourteen days before said sixth day of August, & that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons & Corporations interested therein that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient & proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October then next, and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Hampden St. July 3, 1831.

In obedience to the foregoing petition, I this day notified the town Clerk of Wilbraham, by giving in hand an attested copy of this petition & order thereon also posting up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance thereof.

Justin Wilson Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows,

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden St.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty one,

On the petition of John McBray & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth that public convenience requires that a highway be laid out and constructed in the Town of Wilbraham beginning near the dwelling house of Erasmus Cooly in said Wilbraham & running southerly to the State line and praying the board to view & locate said proposed highway, as by said petition on file will appear,

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient & proper, appointed Wednesday the sixth day of

August then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Erasmus Corley in Wilbraham as the time & place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Wilbraham, being the town within which such location is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, & also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Republican, a newspaper published in said County said posting & the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time & place for commencing said view.

And on the said sixth day of August the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed & proceeded to view the premises, & having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider & adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, & after considering the same, said Commissioners did then & there adjudge that Common Convenience & necessity require that the prayer of said petition should be granted. Provided a highway shall be located by the Selection of the town of Somers, or other competent authority of the County of Tolland, to connect at the State line, with the highway prayed for in the petition above mentioned. William W. Sessions Esq. one of the Commissioners, being resident in said Wilbraham, notice was given by the other members of the board to Lucius F. Newton Esq. who one of the Special Commissioners, who appeared & acted in his stead.

W. F. Leonard }

Melvin Copeland }

Lucius F. Newton Special Commissioner

which report being read & considered was accepted, & the road prayed for as specified in said report, adjudged of Common Convenience & necessity. — And this petition was continued

from meeting to meeting & meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord "eighteen hundred & fifty two

At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested therein that said Commissioners would meet at the dwelling house of Sandford Weeks in Wilbraham on Thursday the twenty seventh day of May then next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said highway, by publishing an abstract of said petition & this order therein in the Springfield Republican, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty seventh day of May. And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Clerk of the town of Wilbraham with a copy of said petition & this order, thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof, in two public places in said town of Wilbraham fourteen days at least before the said twenty seventh day of May at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to locate said highway & would hear all persons & corporations interested therein, who might then & there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion might be just & proper, by reason of the location of said highway.

And this petition was continued to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows.

Wampden St. April 20, 1852.

In obedience to the foregoing petition I this day notified the Town Clerk of Wilbraham by giving in hand an attested copy of this petition & order thereon, also posting in two public places, abstracts containing the substance thereof.

Justin Wilson Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Wampden St.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County

of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty one.

On the petition of John McGraw & others then present to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth, that the public convenience requires that a highway be laid out & constructed in the Town of Wilbraham, beginning near the ^{dwelling} house of Erasmus Cooley in said Wilbraham & running Southeastwardly to the State line, & requesting the Board to view & locate said proposed highway, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises respectively appointed Wednesday the sixth day of August then next, and soon after in the forenoon at the house of Erasmus Cooley in Wilbraham as the time & place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the Town of Wilbraham, being the town within which such location is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published, three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper published in said County, said posting & the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time & place for commencing said view.

And on the said sixth day of August the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed, & proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred to the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the first Tuesday of October then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, & after the hearing, said Commissioners proceed to consider & adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, & after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of said petition should be granted, provided a highway should be located by the Selectmen of the town of Sorsic or other competent authority of the County of Tolland, to connect at the State

line with the highway prayed for in the petition above mentioned, & it thereafter appearing that such highway had been located in Connecticut, by competent authority, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners ^{appointed} Thursday the twenty seventh day of May then next & nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Sanford Weeks in said Wilbraham, as the time & place whereunto they would meet & proceed to locate said highway, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication, & the time & place appointed for such location in the same manner as the notice & publication was given & made and as is by law in such case made & provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said twenty seventh day of May, such & proceeded to locate said highway as follows, viz. Commencing at a stake & stone in the State line, being a boundary of the way as located by the Selectmen of Scrimm, then running North twenty six & a half degrees West, thirty three & a half rods to a Stone Monument on Jedediah Hibber's land, then North forty three & a half degrees West, nineteen rods to a Stone Monument on Oscar Hibber's land - the swamp on the last course above mentioned, is to be filled, at least three feet - Then running North nineteen degrees West, thirty six rods & five links to the old road - On the last course a Stone Culvert will be required & the last eight rods, the road bed will be required to be so constructed as not to exceed a grade of two degrees - All sudden rises in the road bed will be required to be reduced - the grade from one angle to another to be uniform - All sandy & soft portions to be hardened with some suitable material, to the depth of at least six inches - The road bed must be constructed at least eighteen feet in width, exclusive of ditches. The slopes of the excavation & embankment to be one & a half feet base, to one foot rise - All necessary Sluices are to be constructed, obstructions removed & railing put up, & all the work is to be performed in a thorough skillful & workmanlike manner, & to the acceptance of the Commissioners on or before the first day of October next - The respective owners of land over which said

highway is located one allowed until the first day of September next to remove their wood timber & clear them from
After having made said location said Commissioners
proceeded to estimate the damages occasioned thereby as
follows viz:

To James M. Ribbe timber & clearing	12.00
• Jeremiah Ribbe thirty dollars	30.00
• Oscar Ribbe twenty dollars	20.00
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	\$ 112.00

No other person or Corporation appeared to claim damages
& none other are sustained, in the judgment of the Com-
missioners.

William V. Sessions Esq. being resident in said town
of Wilbraham notice was given by the other members of
the board to Lucius F. Newton Esq. one of the Special
Commissioners, who appeared & acted in his stead.

A. J. Leonard }
Melvin Copeland } County Commissioners

Lucius F. Newton, Special Commissioner

which report being read & considered, is accepted & the
road established as & for a public highway.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden Loring Gibbs &c
The subscribers represent that the highway from Blandford Pet. for a highway
to East Granville, near the house of one Amos Osborn, is from Blandford
defective & out of repair & dangerous of passage: that a to East Granville
portion of the same needs alteration & also specific repairs
We therefore pray your Honors to view the same & make such
alterations & improvements as shall seem necessary

Loring Gibbs & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the
County Commissioners, holden for said County on the
fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred & fifty one.

At which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view
of the premises expedient & proper, gave notice that they
would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling
house of Amos Osborn in Blandford on Tuesday the fifth
day of August then next at two o'clock A. M. and it was
ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said

petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy upon the blocks of the towns of Granville & Blanford, in said County, thirty days at least before the said fifth day of August, & that all other persons & Corporations interested therein, be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition & this order therein, in the Springfield Republican, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered, by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof, & this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy in two public places in the towns of Granville & Blanford fourteen days before said fifth day of August and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons & Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient & proper, & that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October then next, and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Hampden Co. July 5, 1851.

In obedience to the foregoing petition, I this day notified the Town Clerks of Blanford & Granville by giving in hands an Attested Copy of this petition & order thereon, & also posting up in two public places in each Town ~~an~~ abstracts containing the substance thereof

Justin Wilson Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty one

On the petition of Soring Gibbs & others, then present, and to said Commissioners representing & setting forth, that the highway from Blanford to East Granville near the house of one Amos Osborn is defective & out of repair

and dangerous of passage, that a petition of the same needs
alterations & also specific repairs & praying the Commissioners
to view the same & make such alterations & improvements
as shall seem necessary, as by said petition on file will
appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient
& proper, appointed Tuesday the fifth day of August then next
& nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Amos Estlin
in Blandford, as the time & place for viewing the premises,
and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the
Clerk of the town of Blandford, being the town within which
such alteration is prayed for, thirty days at least before the
time appointed for said view, and also caused abstract
of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be pos-
ted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice
to all persons interest by causing a copy of said petition to be
published three weeks successively in the Republican, a news-
paper published in said County, said posting & the last publication
of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time
appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said
Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the
foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time
& place for commencing said view, and on the said fifth
day of August the Commissioners met at the time & place
appointed, & proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed
the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties
at the same time of said view, and having heard the
parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider
& adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after
considering the same, said Commissioners did then & there
adjudge that Common Convenience & necessity require
that the prayer of said petition so far as regards altera-
tions in said highway in Blandford, be granted;

A. T. Seaward }
Melvin Copeland } County Commissioners
Wm V. Sessions }

which report being read & considered was accepted & the
alterations prayed for, as specified in said report, adjudged
of Common Convenience & necessity,

At which meeting notice to locate was ordered, but no
proceedings were had under said order, and this petition

was continued to the meeting of said Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December then next, at which meeting a new notice to locate was ordered but no proceedings were had under said order and this petition was continued to the meeting of said Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty two.

At which meeting the Commissioners ordered, that notice be given to all persons & Corporations interested therein that said Commissioners would meet at the dwelling house of Amos Osborn in Blandford on Tuesday the eighteenth day of May then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said alterations, by publishing an abstract of said petition & this order thereon in the Westfield Standard, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said eighteenth day of May; and it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County or his deputy serve the Clerk of the town of Blandford with a copy of said petition & this order thirty days at least - & post up abstract, containing the substance thereof in two public places in the town of Blandford fourteen days at least before the said eighteenth day of May, at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to locate establish said alterations & would hear all persons & Corporations interested therein, who might then & then desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion might be just & proper by reason of the location of said alterations.

And this petition was continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows
New Bedford 14 April Seventeenth 1852 -

In obedience to the foregoing petition I this day notified the town Clerk of Blandford by giving in hand an attested copy this petition & order thereon, & also posting up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance thereof

Justin Wilson Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing

as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord, eight hundred & fifty one.

On the petition of Leroy Gibbs & others then presented to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth that the highway from Blandford to East Granville near the house of Aaron Osborn, is defective & out of repair & dangerous of passage, that a portion of the same needs alterations & also specific repairs & praying the Commissioners to view the same & make such improvements & alterations as shall seem necessary, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Tuesday the fifth day of August then next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Aaron Osborn in Blandford as the time & place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Blandford, being the town within which such highway lies the return of which is prayed for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town, & also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Standard a newspaper published in said County, said posting & the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time & place for commencing said view.

And on the said fifth day of August the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed & proceeded to view the premises, & having viewed the same the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners held at Springfield aforesaid, on the first Tuesday of October then next, at which meeting the parties were heard & after the hearing, said Commissioners

presented to Consider & adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of said petition so far as regards alterations in said highway in Blandford be granted and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the eighteenth day of May then next & nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Amos Osborne in said Blandford as the time & place where & when they would meet & proceed to alter said highway, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication & the time & place appointed for such alteration, in the same manner as the notice & publication was given & made & as is by law in such case made & provided before proceeding to view, (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said eighteenth day of May met & proceeded to alter said highway as follows viz, Commencing at a Stone Monument at the Easterly side of the highway near the top of Machine Hill & running North thirty one degrees East, eight rods, to a Stone Monument then North forty two degrees & five minutes East, fifteen rods, to a yellow birch tree, on the South bank of Pebley River on the last course must be a Stone Sliver at the foot of the hill, then North three degrees East across said river nine rods to a maple tree marked - then North, nineteen & a half degrees East, twenty eight & a half rods, to a Stone Monument in Amos Osborns door yard - the line run is on the Easterly side of the highway as altered, & the same is located four rods in width.

The following directions are to be observed in regard to the Construction of the road - The travelled path is to be worked at least eighteen feet in width exclusive of ditches & to be so thrown up that the water will pass from the Center to the sides without mounds, & all large stumps, stumps, roots & other obstructions removed from the road bed & the surface left smooth, & if any portion should be found to be stony, the same is to be hardened with some suitable material, to the depth of at least six inches - the grade on the South side of the river to the North side of the South bridge abutment is to be made uniform & is not to exceed three & a half degrees & on the North side is to be made uniform from the South side

of the North abutment to the point opposite the Stone monument in said Osborns door yard - A bridge will be required over said river at least sixteen feet in width nine feet in height from the river bed, to consist of two reaches, one of fifty. & one of thirty feet in length, resting on Stone abutments & piers - the North abutment to be laid on a ledge & back to a line with the water, and to be filled with Stone work South of the bridge to a level with the bank at the fence -

Oliver Osborn owner of land over which said highway is altered, releases all claim to damages & is allowed until the first day of April next to remove his wood, timber & trees therefrom. The Commissioners further direct, that all the materials used in the construction of said road & bridge should be well adapted to the purpose & that all the work should be performed in a thorough, skillful & workmanlike manner ^{to be completed} to the acceptance of the Commissioners on or before the fifteenth day of May in the year eighteen hundred & fifty four. May 12. 1854

A. J. Leonard
Wm. V. Sessions } County Commissioners
Milton Copeland }

which report being read & considered is accepted & the alteration established as & for a public highway.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
The Subscriber Respectfully Represents, that the discontinuance of the highway recently located on the petition of Oliver Root & others, commencing on land of the heirs of Edward Stiles in Westfield & running to the old road south of the house of Walter Lewis, and the location of a highway from the land of said Stiles heirs, to the Lewis street road, near the house of R. W. Kellogg, as the same was originally located, on the petition of Seth Williams & others, or nearly so, would promote the public convenience. He therefore prays that said Commissioners would proceed to discontinue the highway first above mentioned, and to locate the last mentioned.

July 1. 1857

R. W. Kellogg

R. W. Kellogg
Pet for Discontinuance
of Highway in
Westfield & Southwick

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County

Commissioners holden for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty one.

At which meeting the Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises, expedient & proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Lewis Chapman in Westfield on on Monday the fourth day of August then next, at ten o'clock, A.M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a Copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerks of the towns of Westfield & Southwick in said County thirty days at least before the said fourth day of August & that all other persons & Corporations interested therein, be notified by publishing a Copy of said petition & this order therein in the Post, a public newspaper printed in said County three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view, and it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that Copies of said petition or abstracts containing the substance thereof & this order be posted up in two public places in the towns of Westfield & Southwick fourteen days before said fourth day of August & that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons & Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient & proper, & that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October then next, And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Hampden St. July 5, 1851.

In obedience to the foregoing petition I this day notified the town Clerks of Westfield & Southwick by giving in hands an attested Copy of this petition & order therein, & also posting up in two public places in each town abstracts containing the substance thereof At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden St.

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners of the

County of Hampshire, held at Springfield, in said County, on the first day of July in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty one, by adjournment from the fourth Tuesday of June in the same year,

On the petition of R. W. Kellogg, then presented to said Commissioners representing & setting forth that the discontinuance of the highway recently located on the petition of Oliver Stet & others commencing on land of the heirs of Edward Stiles in Westfield & running to the old road south of the house of Walter Seem's, and the location of a highway from the land of said Stiles' heirs to the Seem's Street road near the house of R. W. Kellogg as the same was originally laid out in the petition of Seth Williams & others, or nearly so would promote the public convenience and praying the Commissioners to discontinue the highway first above mentioned & to locate that last mentioned, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Monday the fourth day of August then next & ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Lewis Chapman in Westfield as the time & place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the Town of Westfield being the town within which such discontinuance & location are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, & also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town, & also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be ^{published, three} ~~served~~ ^{times} successively in the post, a newspaper published in said County, said posting & the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, & before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time & place for commencing said view.

And on the said fourth day of August the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises & having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, & having heard the parties, said Commissioners then

proceeded to consider & adjudge upon the prayer of said petition, & after considering the same, said Commissioners did then & there adjudge, that Common Convenience & necessity require that the prayer of said petition should be granted. At J. Leonard Esq. Chairman of the Commission, as being resident in said town of Westfield, notice was given to Lucius F. Newton Esq. one of the Special Commissioners who appeared & acted in his stead.

Albion County Commissioners
Nth V. Sessions

Lucius F. Newton } Special Commissioners

which report being read & considered, was accepted & the road & discontinuance prayed for adjudge of Common Convenience & necessity.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December then next.

At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons & Corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners would meet at the dwelling house of Lewis Chapman, in Westfield on Friday the sixteenth day of April then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of locating & discontinuing said highway, by publishing an abstract of said petition & this order therein in the Westfield Standard, a public newspaper printed in said County three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said sixteenth day of April. And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy serve the Clerks of the Towns of Westfield & Southwick with a copy of said petition & this order thirty days at least - & post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said towns of Westfield & Southwick fourteen days at least before the said sixteenth day of April, at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to discontinue & locate said highway, and would hear all persons & Corporations interested therein who might then & there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion might be just & proper by reason of the location of said road & discontinuance as prayed for. - And this petition was continued from

meeting to meeting to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows,

Hampden St. March 5. 1852

In obedience to the foregoing petition: I this day notified the Town Clerks of Westfield & Southwick, by giving in hands an attested copy of this petition & order thereon, and also posting in two public places in said towns abstracts containing the substance thereof

Justin Wilson Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

Hampden St.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County on the first day of July, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty one, by adjournment from the fourth Tuesday of June in the same year,

On the petition of R. W. Kellogg, then present at said Commissioners, representing & setting forth that the discontinuance of the highway recently located on the petition of Oliver Root & others, commencing on land of the heirs of Edmund Stiles in Westfield & running to the old road south of the house of Walter Loomis & the location of a highway from the land of said Stiles heirs to the Loomis Street road, near the house of R. W. Kellogg as the same was originally laid out on the petition of Seth Williams & others or nearly so, would promote the public convenience, & praying the Commissioners to discontinue the highway first above mentioned & to locate that last mentioned, as by said petition on file will appear

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises, expedient appointed Monday the fourth day of August then next & ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Lewis Chapman in Westfield, as the time for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerks of the towns of Westfield & Southwick, being the towns within which such discontinuance & location are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said towns, & also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the

in the Post, a newspaper published in said County, said posting & the last publication of said Copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested, of the time & place for commencing said view.

And on the said fourth day of August the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed & proceeded to view the premises, & having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid on the first Tuesday of October then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing said Commissioners proceeded to consider & adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of said petition should be granted.

And after adjudicating as aforesaid said Commissioners appointed Friday the sixteenth day of April then next & nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Lewis Chapman in said Westfield as the time & place where they would meet & proceed to make such discontinuance ^{& said Commissioners having given notice & the adjudication & the time & place appointed for such discontinuance & location} in the same manner as the notice & publication was given & made & as is by law in such case made & provided before proceeding to view, (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said sixteenth day of April next & proceeded to discontinue that part of the highway first mentioned in said petition, commencing on land of the heirs of Edward Stiles in Westfield & running to the old road south of the house of Walter Soomis.

And the said Commissioners then & there further proceeded to locate a highway commencing at a point one rod & twelve & a half links from the west side of an Elm tree marked on the West side of Soomis Street road a few rods North of the house of said Hansford &c, then running North, thirty three degrees East, nine rods & fifteen links to a point one rod & twelve & a half links West of a stone on the East side - then North Eighteen degrees East, twenty seven rods (On the north on this course a bridge will be required, at least eighteen

feet in length, twelve feet in width, the abutments to be of
stone, six feet high two & a half feet wide at the base &
one & a half feet wide at the top } to a point one & a half
rods west of an apple tree mark, - then North sixteen
to half degrees East, eighteen rods & twelve links to a
stone at Lucius Holcomb's land - then North, three degrees
East, thirty seven rods to a stone, - then North thirty two
degrees West, seventeen rods & eleven links to the brook -
then North thirty two degrees West, two rods across said
brook, then North thirty two degrees West, five rods to a
stone - the line run is the center of location & the highway
is located three rods in width -

The following directions will be observed in the construction
of the road bed viz: - The same is to be constructed eighteen
feet in width exclusive of ditches, thrown up in turnpike
form, & all stones, stumps & other obstructions are to be
removed therefrom - all necessary railing to be put
up & staves of stone to be constructed - all sudden in-
creases in elevation are to be reduced - all sandy & soft places are
to be hardened with suitable material at least eight
inches thick - No part of the road is to exceed a grade
of two degrees - The respective owners of land are al-
lowed until the first day of July next to remove
their wood timber & trees from said highway as located

All of the work in the construction of said road is
to be done in a thorough, substantial, & workmanlike
manner, & all the materials used are to be well adapted
to the purpose & the whole is to be completed to the
acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the
first day of September next -

After having discontinued the highway first mentioned
& located that last mentioned & heard all persons who
desired to be heard upon the question, we have assessed
the damages, occasioned thereby as follows viz:

To Frederick Hellogg forty dollars. 40.00

Lucius Holcomb & Sanford M. Hellogg release all
claim to damages & no other person sustains any in the
judgment of said Commissioners - A part of said highway
lying in the Town of Westfield of which N. J. Leonard
Chairman of the Board is resident, notice was given
by the other members to Lucius H. Newton Esq. one

one of the Special Commissioners, who appeared & acted
in his stead,

William Copeland &

Mr W. Sessions } County Commissioners

L. F. Newton, Special Commissioner

which report being read & considered was accepted & the
^{last mentioned in said petition} road, established as & for a public highway & that first
mentioned in said petition is discontinued

John Kilbon sat
for attention
to new highway
in Wilbraham

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden
The undersigned Citizens of Sudlow & Wilbraham respectfully
represent that the highway leading from James L. Millers
in Sudlow across the new bridge near Collins Depot to
the day way so called in Wilbraham & from thence to
John Baldwins house, is circuitous, hilly & dangerous.
They therefore request your Honorable Board to view said
road at your earliest convenience & make such alterations
therein, or lay a new road from said Millers to said day
way and Baldwins, as the public good requires

Oct. 3, 1857,

John Kilbon & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the
County Commissioners holden for said County on the first
Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred & fifty one, ~~and continued to the meeting
of said Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth
Tuesday of December then next,~~

~~at which meeting the petitioners appeared by John
Kilbon, their agent & moved for & had leave to amend
their said petition, so as to embrace the discontinuance
of the old roads running from said Depot to the
river & from the day way to said Collins barn, also
from the day way to the Culvert where the new road is
to pass under the track -~~

At which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view
of the premises expedient & proper, gave notice that they
would meet for the purpose of said view, at Collins
Depot, in Wilbraham on Friday the seventh day of
November then next at nine o'clock A.M. and it was
ordered by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said
petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy

upon the Clerks of the Towns of Wilbraham & Ludlow in said County thirty days at least before the said seventh day of November & that all other persons & corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition & this order therein in the Hampden Post, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view - and it was further ordered by the Commissioners that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy in two public places in the towns of Wilbraham & Ludlow fourteen days before said seventh day of November, & that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons & corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient & proper & that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners, holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December then next.

At which meeting the petitioner appeared by John Nelson their agent & moved for leave to amend their said petition so as to embrace the discontinuance of the old roads running from said Depot to the River & from the dug way to said Collins barn, also from the dug way to the Cutback where the new road is to pass under the track.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty one.

On the petition of John Nelson & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth that the highway leading from James S. Millers in Ludlow, across the new bridge near Collins Depot, to the dug way so called in Wilbraham & from thence to John Baldwins house is extremely hilly & dangerous, & praying the Commissioners to view said road & make such alterations

therein or lay a new road from said day way & said Baldwins as the public good requires, as by said petition on file will appear,

The Commissioners during a view of the premises appointed Friday the Seventh day of November next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at Collins Depot, in Wilbraham, as the time & place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be sent upon the Clerks of the towns of Ludlow & Wilbraham, being the towns within which such alterations & location are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in each of said towns, & also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Post, a newspaper printed in said County, said posting & the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner, to all persons ^{as described in the foregoing} interested, of the time & place for commencing said view.

And on the said seventh day of November, the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed & proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties said Commissioners then proceeded to consider said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners reserved the further consideration of the same to their regular meeting held at Springfield within & for said County of Hampden on the fourth Tuesday of December then next, at which meeting the petitioner appeared & moved for leave to amend said petition so as to embrace the discontinuance of the old roads running from said Depot to the River & from the day way to said Collins barn, also from the day way to the Culvert where the new road is to pass under the track, and thereupon said Commissioners ordered that notice be given that they would act upon the question of the allowance of said motion at their adjourned meeting to be held on the

twenty eighth day of January then next, by causing a copy of said petition & the order thereon to be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy upon the Clerks of the towns of Ludlow & Wilbraham; thirty days at least before the said twenty eighth day of January, & that all Corporations & persons interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition & the order thereon in the Springfield Republican a newspaper printed in said County three weeks successively the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty eighth day of January, on which last mentioned day it appearing to said Commissioners that said order had been complied with, the Commissioners ordered that said amendment should be allowed & at the same meeting proceeded to consider said petition as amended & did adjudge & determine that the public convenience & necessity require that the prayer of said petition as amended, should be granted, - a portion of the highway aforesaid being in Wilbraham, in which town William V. Sessions Esq, one of the County Commissioners, resides, notice was given by the other members of the Board, to Elizer Bates Esq, one of the Special Commissioners who appeared & acted in his stead.

A. D. Leonard }
Melvin Copeland } County Commissioners
Elizer Bates } Special Commissioner

which report being read & considered was accepted and the alteration & discontinuance prayed for adjudged of common convenience & necessity.

At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons & Corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners would meet at Cobling Shop in D. Wilbraham on Wednesday the thirty first day of March then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating & discontinuing said highways, by publishing an abstract of said petition & this order thereon, in the Hampden Post, a public newspaper printed in said County three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said thirty first day of March and it was further ordered by the County Commissioners that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Clerks of the towns of Wilbraham & Ludlow with a copy

of said petition & this order, thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof, in two public places in said towns of Sudlow & Wilbraham fourteen days at least before the said thirty first day of March, at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to locate and discontinue said highway & would hear all persons & Corporations interested therein, who might then & there desire to be heard & assess such damages as in their opinion might be just & proper by reason of the location of said road.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and the ^{Deputy} Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows,

Hampden Co. March 1st 1852, By virtue of the within precept I notified the inhabitants of the towns of Sudlow & Wilbraham as within directed by leaving a true and attested copy of the same with each of the town Clerks of said towns, and on the twelfth day of the same month posted up abstracts of the within order in two several places in each of said towns as within directed.

Given attested Deft. Sheriff
and now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows,

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eight hundred & fifty one.

On the petition of John Hilton & others then presented to said Commissioners representing & setting forth, that the highway leading from James L. Millers in Sudlow, across the new bridge near Collins Depot to the clay way so called in Wilbraham & from thence to John Baldwins house, is circuitous, hilly & dangerous, and requesting the Board to view said road & make such alterations therein, or lay a new road from said Millers to said clay way & said Baldwins and to discontinue the old roads running from said Depot to the river & from the clay way to said Collins barn, also from the clay way to the Culvert where the new road is to pass under the track, as by said petition on file will appear. — The Commissioners deeming a view of the

premises expediently appointed Friday the seventh day of November then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon at Collins Depot in Wilbraham as the time & place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerks of the towns of Sudlow & Wilbraham ^{the towns} being within which such alterations prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstract of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in each of said towns; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Post a newspaper printed in said County, said posting & the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time ^{appointed for} of said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time & place for commencing said view;

And on the said seventh day of November, the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed & proceeded to view the premises & having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of December then next at which meeting the parties were heard, & the petitioners appeared & moved for leave to amend said petition so as to embrace the discontinuance of the old roads running from said Depot to the river & from the clay way to said Collins barn also from the clay way to the Culvert where the new road is to pass under the track, and thereupon said Commissioners ordered that notice be given that they would act upon the question of the allowance of said motion at their adjourned meeting to be held on the twenty eighth day of January then next, by causing a copy of said petition & the order thereon to be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy upon the Clerks of said towns of Sudlow & Wilbraham thirty days at least before the said twenty eighth day of January & that all Corporations & persons interested therein, be notified by publishing a copy of said petition & the order thereon in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty eighth day of January, on which last mentioned day it appearing to said Commissioners that said

order had been complied with, the Commissioners, after
 hearing the parties, ordered that said amendment should
 be allowed, and at the same meeting proceeded to consider
 said petition as amended, & after hearing the parties, did
 adjudge & determine that the public convenience & necessity
 require that the prayer of said petition as amended, should
 be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said
 Commissioners, appointed Wednesday the thirty first day of
 March then next & nine o'clock in the forenoon at Collins
 Depot in said Milbraham, as the time & place, where & when
 they would meet & proceed to locate & discontinue as prayed
 for in said petition, as amended, and the said Commissioners
 having given notice of the adjudication & the time & place
 appointed for such location & discontinuance, in the same
 manner as the notice & publication was given & made & as
 is by law in such case, made & provided, before proceeding
 to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition in-
 stead of a copy thereof) on the said thirty first day of March
 met & proceeded to locate said highway as follows, viz,
 → Beginning at a point eighty two degrees East, one & a half
 rods from the Southby end of the New Bridge & running
 on the Easby line of said location South eighty degrees East
 three rods & seven links to a stone on the flat - then South
 thirty nine degrees & thirty five minutes East, twenty four
 rods & seventeen links to a stone drilled in the top - then
 South twenty degrees East, thirty rods & ten links to a Walnut
 tree marked, which place intersects with the Northby line
 of that part of the road running towards Palam, - then
 South five degrees & twenty five minutes East, seven rods
 & seventeen links to a stone in the Northby line of ^{the} loca-
 tion of the Western Rail Road, which stone intersects with
 the Southby line of that part of the highway leading to
 Palam - then South, two & three quarters degrees West
 five rods across land of the said Rail Road Company
 and two rods & seventeen links across land of Warren
 Collins to a stone on the present Tracetail road -
 The highway to this point is located three rods wide -
 Then Beginning at the Walnut tree at the end of station
 then of this survey & running on the Northby line of loca-
 tion South twenty five degrees East, one rod & twenty
 one links to a Walnut tree - then South Eighty degrees

East, twenty links to a Walnut tree - then south, eighty three
+ three quarter degrees East, eight rods + fifteen links to a
stone - thus far the southerly line of location is as follows
viz. Beginning at a point bearing south fifteen + three
quarter degrees West, then rods from the last mentioned
stone + running south sixty five + three quarter degrees
West, nine rods + eleven links, to the stone standing on the
southerly line of the Western Rail Road at the end of
Station four of this survey - then running + continuing the
southerly line of location above mentioned (from the stone
Eastward of the Walnut tree) south seventy four + a
quarter degrees East, thirty rods + eight links to a stone
then south, sixty degrees East, nineteen rods + thirteen
links to a large Chestnut tree - then south, fifty four
degrees + thirty minutes, East, fifteen rods + nineteen
links to a large butternut tree - then south, forty nine
degrees East, seven rods + fifteen links to a large black
oak tree, standing on the southerly side of the present
travelled road opposite the high bank wall of said Rail
Road - The four last distances the road is located three
rods wide -

The following directions are to be observed in constructing
the road bed, - the same is to be worked at least eighteen
feet in width exclusive of ditches, + within that space
all tree stumps + roots are to be thoroughly grubbed, +
the same together with all large stones, to be removed to a
suitable distance outside of the ditch.

From the Bridge the road across the flat is to be raised
at least four feet on the lowest point, + from that point
to the next station, the road bed is to be uniform, + not
to exceed four degrees -

The road bed is to be built under the Rail Road track
+ the space between the Bridge Walls to be at least twenty
feet in the clear - a culvert will be required at the
southerly line of the road, across the travelled path.
two feet square in the clear, to connect with a Culvert
running across the rail road land, and there crossing
the travelled path - the same to be two feet wide, two + a
half high in the clear - both Culverts to be paved with
stone at the bottom - the sides + top also to be constructed
of stone, - on each side of the road bed, on the southerly

line of the Rail Road, the walls are to be so raised that the water will enter the Culverts, at least two & a half feet above the bottom of the Culverts, and great care must be taken to secure the bottom at these places, to prevent the water from undermining the walls. A Culvert will also be required under the road leading in the direction of Palmer, to pass the water conveyed through the Culverts, above to be of stone, & at least thirty two feet long two feet wide & two & a half feet high in the clear, the bottom to be paved with stone, the side walls to be at least two feet thick, & the covering stone at least four feet long & six inches thick —

The Center of the road bed is to be constructed on the center of the location except at angles, where it is to be varied so as to make an easy Curve —

All stone upon the ^{surface of the} road bed, that will in any way impede the public travel, or make it uncomfortable are to be removed —

Good & Substantial railing is to be constructed, at all points where it may be necessary, as also any additional sluices that may appear to be necessary —

All the work is to be done in a thorough, substantial & skilful manner, and to the acceptance of the Commissioners on or before the first day of November next.

The owner of the land over which the road passes, is allowed until the fifteenth day of August, to remove his wood, timber & trees therefrom —

And the said Commissioners also then & there proceeded to discontinue such parts of said highways, the discontinuance of which was prayed for as aforesaid —

And after making such location & establishing such discontinuance, the Commissioners proceeded to estimate the damages occasioned thereby, & assessed the same as follows, viz.

To Warren Collins two hundred & thirty eight ³⁴/₁₀₀ dollars, \$238.34

No other person or Corporation appeared to claim damages, & none such are sustained in the judgment of the Commissioners —

A. T. Leonard, Chairman of the Board, being unable to attend the meeting for the purpose of location and discontinuance, and William W. Sessions Esq. being assistant

in said Willbraham, notice was given by the other members
of said Session, viz. Lucius H. Newton Esq. & Eliza Bates Esq. Special Com-
missioners, who appeared & acted, the said Newton in place
of said Leonard, & the said Bates in place of said Sessions.
Melvin Copeland - County Commissioner
Lucius H. Newton
Eliza Bates } Special Commissioners
which report being read & considered, is accepted, and the
allocations established as & for a public highway, and the
discontinuance of said roads, as proper for, is also established.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden, Selectmen of
The undersigned Selectmen of the town of Palmar, represent Palmar
to your Hon. Board, that the County Road leading from Pet for disconti-
the Center of said town over the hill toward the village of nance of highway
Thorncliffe is not needed for the public travel in consequence Palmar
of improvements in other roads leading to said village.
We therefore ask you to view said road & discontinue
the same as a public highway.

Palmar Dec. 25, 1857. A. V. Blanchard, Selectman
Oyrus Kears }
Mable H. Fennell } Palmar

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County
Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday
of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred & fifty one.

At which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view
of the Premises expedient & proper, gave notice that they
would meet for the purpose of said view, at the Mattamoras
House in Palmar on Thursday the twenty fifth day of March
then next at nine o'clock a.m. and it was ordered by the
County Commissioners that a Copy of said petition be served
by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk
of the town of Palmar in said County, thirty days at least
before the said twenty first day of March, & that all other
persons & Corporations interested therein, be notified by pub-
lishing a Copy of said petition & this order therein in the
Palmar Journal, a public newspaper printed in said County
three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen

days at least before the time of said view, and it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that Copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof, & this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy in two public places in the town of Palam fourteen days before said twenty fifth day of March, & that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons & Corporations interested that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient & proper, and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time & place appointed aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And the Deputy Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows,

Worcester St. Feby. 24. - By virtue of this precept I notified Theophilus M. Knight Clerk for the town of said Palam by giving him in hand a true & attested Copy of this petition & the order thereon, thirty days before said meeting, and on the first day of March of the same year, posted up two true & attested Copies of the within petitions at two public places in said town of Palam.

Parker W. Webster, D. Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows,

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester St.

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners, of the County of Worcester held at Springfield, in said County on the sixth Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty one,

On the petition of A. V. Blanchard & others Selectmen of Palam then presented to said Commissioners representing & setting forth that the County road leading from the Center of said town over the hill toward the village of Thornston is not needed for the public travel in consequence of improvements in other roads leading to said village, & requesting said Commissioners to view said road & discontinue the same as a public highway, as by said petition on file will appear,

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Thursday the twenty fifth day of March then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Townbottom House

in Palmyra, at the time & place for viewing the premises; and
caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the
town of Palmyra, being the town within which such discontin-
uance is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appoint-
ed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition
containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public
places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons
interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published
three weeks successively in the Palmyra Journal, a newspaper
published in said County, said posting & the last publica-
tion of said copy having been fourteen days at least before
the time appointed for said view; and before said view was
had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as
described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons
interested, of the time for commencing said view.

And on the said twenty fifth day of March, the Com-
missioners met at the time & place appointed, & proceeded
to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Com-
missioners then determined to hear the parties at the same
time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Com-
missioners then proceeded to consider & adjudicate upon the
prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said
Commissioners did then & there adjudge that Common Con-
venience & necessity require, that so much of said highway
as passes over & adjoins the lands of Elias Turner, & Joseph
Morphy, be discontinued - And after making such adjudi-
cation said Commissioners proceeded to assess ^{the} damages
occasioned by such discontinuance, to the said Joseph
Morphy, and find the same to be fifty dollars, -

Elias Turner releases his claim to damages, occasioned
by such discontinuance & no other person or Corporation
sustains any damages by such discontinuance in the judg-
ment of the Commissioners, Melvin Copeland Esq, one of the
County Commissioners, being unable to attend said view &
hearing, notice was given by the other members of the board
to Oliver Bates Esq, one of the Special Commissioners, who
appeared & acted in his stead

A. T. Leonard, } County Commissioners
Wm V. Sessions }

Oliver Bates, Special Commissioner

which report being read & considered is accepted and the

road discontinued as specified in said report.

Licenses

The following persons are licensed as "Wholesale" at the place set against their names without authority to sell any intoxicating liquors.

Charles Strong in the Massachusetts House Palmer
Bernardus Miller at his former stand Wale

The County Treasurer is authorized to borrow a sum not to exceed five Thousand dollars -

Amburst & Belcham
Town Rail Road
Corporation
Pet for assessment
of Damages on land
of Benj^a. Bealy

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
The petition of the Amburst & Belcham Town Rail Road Corporation a Corporation established by law, respectfully represents, that they have been unable to agree with Benj^a. A. Bealy of Palmer in said County, for the land in said Palmer taken of him for the Rail Road of said Corporation according to the location of said Rail Road, filed in the office of the County Commissioners for said County, bounded Northerly, partly on his own land & partly on the river called Chicopee river, Easterly on his own land, South-ly on land of Cyrus Watkins, and Westerly on his own land & on said river, being fifty one rods in length, & four rods in width, & containing two hundred & four rods of land.

Your petitioners therefore pray that you would proceed to assess damages done to said Benjamin A. Bealy on account of the taking of his said land by said rail road Company for their rail road, agreeably to the provisions of law.

May 17, 1852,

In behalf of said Amburst & Belcham
Rail Road Company,
Lucas Swetser Pres. & Agt.

The foregoing petition being presented to a session of Leonard Esq. Chairman of the County Commissioners for said County of Hampden on the seventeenth day of May in the year eighteen hundred & fifty two, and the said Amburst & Belcham Town Rail Road Company having entered into a recognizance to the said County of Hampden, with sufficient sureties, as by law required, It was thereupon ordered by the Chairman of the County Commissioners aforesaid, that Friday the twenty eighth day of May current & two

which in the afternoon at the Fortwaller House, owned by
Eliska Converse, in ^{the} Palmon, be appointed as the time & place
for hearing the petition & acting upon said petition, by the
said Commissioners, and that the petitioners cause a true
& attested copy of said petition & of this order thereon, to be
served upon the said Benjamin A. Buley personally, or by
leaving the same at his usual place of abode, four days
at least before the time appointed for said meeting.

And this petition was entered at this meeting, and
the Deputy Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows:

Hampden Co. May 22, 1852. - By virtue of this petition
& the order thereon, I have made service on the within named
Benjamin A. Buley as within directed, by delivering to
him in hand a true and attested copy of this petition &
this order thereon.

Packer W. Webster D. Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in
writing as follows,

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden County ss.

On the petition of the Amhurst & Belchertown Stage
Road Company a Corporation established by law, addressed
to the County Commissioners of said County & presented
to St. J. Leonard Esq, Chairman of the Board, on the
seventeenth day of May in the year eighteen hundred & fifty
two, representing & setting forth, that they had been unable
to agree with Benjamin A. Buley of Palmon in said County
for the land taken of him for the said rail road, according
to the location of said rail road filed in the office of said
Commissioners, said land lying in said town of Palmon
& bounded westerly partly on his own land & partly on
the Chicopee river, Easterly on his own land, Southerly
on land of Elias Colkins & Westly on his own land &
on said river being fifty one rods in length & four rods
in width & containing two hundred & four rods of land
and praying said Commissioners to proceed agreeably to
the provisions of law, to assess the damages done to said
Buley on account of the taking of his said land by said
Company for their road; and on the presentation of said
petition to the said Chairman of said Commissioners, the
said Corporation by Edward Dickinson Esq, their Attorney

as Principal, and Edward Dickinson of Amherst, in the County of Hampshire, and Edward B. Gillett of Westfield in said County of Hampden, as sureties, entered into recognizance before the said Chairman in the sum of two hundred dollars for the payment of the costs and expenses as by law provided, and thereupon the said St. Leonard as such Chairman of said Commissioners appointed Friday the twenty eighth day of the same May at two o'clock in the afternoon at the Tottenwotten House in said Palam, caused by Elisha Converse, as at the time & place for hearing said petition, and caused notice to be given to the said Benly, of the pendency of said petition, by giving him in hand on the twenty second day of the same May, a true & attested copy thereof and of the order of the Chairmen of the Board above referred to, and on the said twenty eighth day of ~~May~~ the same May the said Corporation by their President & Directors and the said Benjamin A. Benly in his own proper person, appeared before the said Commissioners and thereupon the said Commissioners proceeded to view the premises described in said petition, and after having viewed the same & heard the respective parties & their several proofs & allegations, and duly considered the same, do direct, that the said Corporation shall make, & at all times hereafter maintain, a fence on each side of the land so taken by them as aforesaid, and that said Corporation shall make & maintain a convenient pass way over their rail road nearly in rear of the barn of said Benly, and at a point where the grade of the rail road is substantially upon a level with the surface of the adjoining land, with good & sufficient cattle guards, and that the said Benly shall have a right to fit up & prepare a passage way under said rail road, between the river & bridge abutment & shall have a right of passage in the Culvert in the southerly part of the tract of land above described, for himself & his horses & cattle, and for his heirs & assigns, with the same right for himself, his heirs & assigns, and with his & their cattle horses & carriages to pass & repass at the other passage ways above mentioned, at all times hereafter, whenever it will

not interfere with the use of the said rail road by the
said Corporation and also that the said Corporation shall
provide & maintain a Culvert of suitable dimensions and
raise up the same under their rail road across the land
so located upon & at, or near the highest point thereof
Westwardly of the barn as will be convenient to said Bently to
use for the purpose of irrigation, and in addition that
the said Commissioners assess the damages occasioned
by taking his land as aforesaid at the sum of three
hundred & eighty five dollars \$385.00

A. T. Leonard
Melvin Copeland } County Commissioners
Wm. V. Sessions }

which report being read & considered is accepted & the said Rail Road
Corporation ordered to pay the costs of these proceedings Taxed at

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden Arkhurst &
Belchertown
The petition of the Arkhurst & Belchertown Rail Road
Company, a corporation established by law, Respectfully
represent, that they have been unable to agree with Pauline
Shannon of Palmar in said County, for the land in
said Palmar taken of him for the Rail Road of said
Company according to the location of said rail road as
filed in the Office of the County Commissioners of said
County, and bounded North & South on his own land
Eastwardly on land of Col. Cyrus Knox & Westwardly on the
highway being ninety one rods in length & four rods
in width,

Com petitioners therefore pray that you would proceed
agreeably to the provisions of law, to assess the damages done
to said Pauline Shannon on account of the taking of his said
land.

May 17, 1852

In behalf of said Arkhurst & Belchertown
Rail Road Company -

Luke Sweetser, Secy. & Agent

The foregoing Petition being presented to Norman T. Leonard
Esq., Chairman of the County Commissioners for said County of
Hampden, on the seventeenth day of May in the year eighteen
hundred & fifty two, and the said Arkhurst & Belchertown
Rail Road Company having entered into a recognizance to the

said County of Hampden, with sufficient duties, as by law required. It was thereupon ordered by the Chairman of the County Commissioners, appearing that Friday the fourth day of June, next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Thomas Davis in said Palam, be appointed as the time & place for hearing the parties & acting upon said petition by said Commissioners, and that the petitioners cause a true & attested copy of said petition & this order thereon, to be served upon the said Pauline Shearer personally or by leaving the same at his usual place of abode, fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said meeting.

And this petition was entered at this meeting, and the Deputy Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows

Hampden St. May 19th 1852 - In pursuance of the within order of the County Commissioners, I have notified the within named Pauline Shearer of the time & place of the meeting of said Commissioners for the purpose named in said order, by giving the said Shearer in hand, a true and attested copy of the foregoing petition & the order of the said Commissioners thereon.

Pauline M. Webster

Deputy Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows,

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden County Sd.

On the petition of the Amherst & Belchertown Rail Road Company, a Corporation established by law addressed to the County Commissioners of said County & presented to A. D. Leonard Esq. Chairman of the Board on the seventeenth day of May in the year eighteen hundred & fifty two, representing & setting forth that they had been unable to agree with Pauline Shearer of Palam in said County for the land taken of him for the said rail road, according to the location of said road as filed in the office of the County Commissioners of said County, said land lying in said Palam, & bounded North & South on his own land, Easterly on land of Cyrus Ruess & Westerly on the highway being ninety one rods in length & four rods in width, and praying said Commissioners to proceed agreeably to the provisions of law, to assess the damages done to said Shearer, and

account of the taking of his said lands by said Company for their
road, and on the presentation of said petition to the said Chairman
of said Commissioners, the said Corporation, by Edward Dickinson
son of said Attorney, as principal, and Edward Dickinson
of Amherst in the County of Hampshire & Edward B. Gillette
of Westfield in said County of Hampden, entered into recogni-
zance before the said Chairman in the sum of two hun-
dred dollars, for the payment of Costs & expenses as by
law provided, and thereupon the said St. Leonard as such
Chairman of said Commissioners, appointed Friday the fourth
day of June in the year eighteen hundred & fifty two & nine
o'clock in the forenoon, at the House of Thomas Norris in said
Balaam as the time & place for hearing said petition, and caused
notice to be given to the said Shearer of the pendency
of said petition, by giving to him in hand on the nineteenth
day of the same May, a true & attested copy thereof & of the
order of the Chairman of the board above referred to; and
on the said fourth day of June the said Corporation by their
President & Directors, & the said Daniel Shearer in his own
proper person, appeared before the said Commissioners, and
thereupon the said Commissioners proceeded to view the
premises described in said petition, & after having viewed
the same & heard the respective parties & their several proofs
& allegations, & duly considered the same, do direct, that
the said Corporation shall make, & at all times hereafter
maintain, a fence on each side of the land so taken by
them as aforesaid, and that said Corporation shall make &
& maintain two convenient passways for Cattle & teams
across said rail road on its graded surface with
good & sufficient battle guards, one of which is to be made
near the Eastern boundary of said land, & the other where
the Cart way now is, leading from the barn to the meadow
& about five rods South of the small Horn bridge across
said Cart way, and also that said Corporation shall provide
& maintain a lead pipe of the diameter of one & a half inches
and insert & keep the same under their rail road across
the land so located, & at such point as will be convenient
to the said Shearer, or his heirs & assigns, for the purpose of
carrying water through the same for the use of said Shearer
& his heirs & assigns, for watering Cattle & irrigating the land.
And the said Shearer, his heirs & assigns shall at all times

have a right to pass & repossess, and with Cattle, Horses, & Carriages, at his & their will & pleasure, when so ever it will not interfere with the use of the said rail road by the said Corporation, and in addition thereto, the said Commissioners assess the damages of the said Paulin Shearer, occasioned by taking his land as aforesaid at the sum of four hundred & nineteen dollars - \$419.00

A. D. Leonard

Wm. V. Sessions } County Commissioners

William Copeland }

which report being read & considered is accepted by the said rail road Corporation ordered to pay the costs of this proceedings & send it

Ambush & Belcher To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
Town R. R. Corp. The petition of the Ambush & Belcher town rail road Company
incorporated, pet. for a Corporation established by law, respectfully represents
Assessment of that they have been unable to agree with Oros Watkins
Damages to of Palmar in said County for the land taken of him for
Oros Watkins the said rail road of said Company, according to the location
 of said rail road, filed in the office of the County Commissioners for said County lying in said ^{town of} Palmar, bounded
 North on Benjamin Buley, East & West on his own land
 South on Olanson C. Monick, being fifty eight rods
 in length & four rods in width -

Your petitioners therefore pray that you would proceed to assess the damages done to said Oros Watkins, on account of the taking of his said land by said rail road Company, for their rail road, agreeably to the provisions of law -

In behalf of said Ambush & Belcher

Town rail road Company -

Luke Swanson

Pres. & Agent

The foregoing petition being presented to Norman T. Leonard Esq. Chairman of the County Commissioners for said County of Hampden on the seventeenth day of May in the year eighteen hundred & fifty two, and the said Ambush & Belcher town Rail Road Company having entered into recognizance to the said County of Hampden, with sufficient sureties, as by law required, It was thereupon ordered by the Chairman of the County Commissioners aforesaid that Friday the fourth day of June then next, & nine o'clock in the forenoon at the House of Thomas Norris in said Palmar be appointed

as the time & place for hearing the parties & acting upon said petition
by said Commissioners.
And that the petitioners cause a true & attested copy of said petition
to be served upon the said Enos Calkins, personally,
or by leaving the same at his usual place of abode fourteen
days at least before the time appointed for said meeting.

And this petition was entered at this meeting & the Deputy
Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows,

Hampden Co. May 19th 1852. - In pursuance of the within order
of the County Commissioners I have notified the within named
Enos Calkins of the time & place of the meeting of said Com-
missioners for the purpose named in said order, by giving the
said Calkins in hand a true & attested copy of the foregoing
petition & the order of the said Commissioners therein.

Samuel W. Webster, Deputy Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing
as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden County Sd.

On the petition of the Amherst & Pelchutown Rail
Road Company, a Corporation established by law, addressed
to the County Commissioners of said County & presented to
N. J. Leonard Esq. Chairman of the Board on the seventeenth
day of May in the year eighteen hundred & fifty two representing
& setting forth that they had been unable to agree with Enos
Calkins of Palam in said County for the land taken of him
for the said rail road, according to the location of said rail
road filed in the office of said Commissioners, said land
lying in said town of Palam, & bounded North on Benjamin
A. Bently & East & West on land of said Calkins, & Southwardly
on Alanson G. Menick being fifty eight rods in length &
four rods in width, and praying said Commissioners to
proceed agreeably to the provisions of law to assess the dam-
ages done to said Calkins on account of the taking of his land
by said Company for their road, and on the presentation
of said petition to the said Chairman of said Commissioners
the said Corporation by Edward Dickinson Esq. their Attorney
as principal, and Edward Dickinson of Amherst in the County
of Hampshire & Edward B. Gillett of Westfield in the County
of Hampden, as sureties, entered into recognizance before
the said Chairman, in the sum of two hundred dollars, for
the payment of costs & expenses, as by law provided, and

thereupon the said A. T. Leonard as such Chairman of said Commissioners, appointed Friday the fourth day of June in the year eighteen hundred & fifty two, came some o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Thomas Davis in Palomin in said County, as the time & place for hearing said petition & caused notice to be given to the said Watkins of the pendency of said petition by giving to him in hand on the nineteenth day of the same May a true & attested copy thereof & of the order of the Chairman of the Board, above referred to, and on the said fourth day of June, the said Corporation by their President & Directors and the said Enos Watkins in his own proper person appeared before the said Commissioners, and thereupon the said Commissioners proceeded to view the premises described in said petition & after having viewed the same & heard the respective parties & their several proofs & allegations, and duly considered the same, Do direct that the said Corporation shall at all times hereafter, make & maintain a fence on each side of the land so taken by them as aforesaid, and that said Corporation shall provide three crossings with cattle guards on the graded surface of said rail road, at such points as shall divide the piece of land above described, as near as may be into four equal parts, and shall so work the adjacent land, that the access to & passage from said crossings shall in no part exceed a grade of three degrees, and that said Corporation shall forever keep up & amend & repair so much of said crossings as lie within the limits of their location. Over which crossings the said Watkins his heirs & assigns shall at all times have a right to pass & repass and with cattle, horses & carriages, at his & their will & pleasure whensoever it will not interfere with the use of the said rail road by said Corporation, and in addition thereto the said Commissioners assess the damages of the said Enos Watkins occasioned by taking his land as aforesaid at the sum of two hundred & forty dollars - \$240.00

A. T. Leonard
 Wm. C. Sessions } County Commissioners
 Melvin Copeland }

which report being read & considered is accepted & the said rail road Corporation ordered to pay the costs of these proceedings & to

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
The petition of the Amherst & Belchertown Rail Road Com- Belchertown R.R.
pany, a Corporation established by law, respectfully represents, Company, pet. for
that they have been unable to agree with Alanson C. Mumick Assessment of
of Palmer in said County for the land in said Palmer, taken damages to Alanson
of him for the rail road of said Company according to the C. Mumick
location of said rail road filed in the office of the County
Commissioners of said County & bounded & partly on Esier
Cathins, Easterly & Westerly on his own land & Southerly
& South Westerly on his own land & the highway being
ninety one rods in length & four rods in width

Your petitioners therefore pray that you would proceed
agreeably to the provisions of law, to assess the damages done
to said Alanson C. Mumick on account of the taking of his
said land by said rail road Company for their said road
agreeably to the provisions of law.

May 17, 1852,

In behalf of said Amherst & Belchertown

Rail Road Company

Simeon Stoddard

Prest & Agent

The foregoing petition being presented to Sumner T. Leonard Esq.
Chairman of the County Commissioners for said County of
Hampden on the seventeenth day of May in the year eighteen
hundred & fifty two, and the said Amherst & Belchertown
Rail Road Company having entered into recognizance to
the said County of Hampden with sufficient sureties as
by law required, It was thereupon ordered by the Chairman
of the County Commissioners aforesaid, that Friday the
fourth day of June then next & nine o'clock in the forenoon
at the House of Thomas Harris in said Palmer, be ap-
pointed as the time & place for hearing the parties & acting
upon said petition by the said Commissioners, and that
the petitioners cause a true & attested copy of said petition
& of this order thereon to be served upon the said Alanson
C. Mumick personally, or by leaving the same at his usual
place of abode fourteen days at least before the time appointed
for said meeting.

And this petition was entered at this meeting & the
Deputy Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows

Hampden Id, May 19, 1852, In pursuance of the within
order of the County Commissioners I have notified the within

Alanson B. Munick of the time & place of the meeting of said Commissioners for the purpose named in said order, by giving the said Munick in hand a true & attested copy of the foregoing petition & the order of said Commissioners thereon

Parker W. Webster

Deputy Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden County, Sd.

On the petition of the Amherst & Belchertown Rail Road Company a Corporation established by law addressed to the County Commissioners of said County & presented to A. T. Leonard Esq. Chairman of the Board on the seventeenth day of May in the year eighteen hundred & fifty two, representing & setting forth that they had been unable to agree with Alanson B. Munick of Salem in said County for the land in said Salem taken of him for the rail road of said Company according to the location of said rail road filed in the office of the County Commissioners of said County, & bounded westerly on Omas Colkins Easterly & Westerly on his own land & Southwesterly or Southwesterly on his own land & the highway being ninety one rods in length & four rods in width, & praying said Commissioners to proceed agreeably to the provisions of law to assess the damages done to said Alanson B. Munick on account of the taking of his said land by said Company for their Rail Road agreeably to the provisions of law -

And on the presentation of said petition to the said Chairman of said Commissioners, the said Corporation by Edward Dickinson Esq. their Attorney as principal, and Edward Dickinson of Amherst in the County of Hampshire and Edward B. Gillette of Westfield in the County of Hampden as sureties entered into recognisance before the said Chairman in the sum of two hundred dollars for the payment of costs & expenses, as by law provided, and thereupon the said A. T. Leonard as such Chairman of said Commissioners, appointed Friday the fourth day of June in the year eighteen hundred & fifty two, nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Thomas Davis in

said Nelson, in said County, as the time & place for hearing
said petition & caused notice to be given to the said Merrick
of the pendency of said petition by giving him in hand on
the nineteenth day of the same May, a true & attested copy
thereof & of the order of the said A. T. Leonard as such
Chairman of said Commissioners above referred to, and on
the said fourth day of June the said Corporation appeared
by their President & Directors, and the said Alanson C. Merrick
in his own proper person, before said Commissioners, and thereupon
the said Commissioners proceeded to view the premises described
in said petition, and after having viewed the same & heard the
respective parties & their several proofs & allegations & duly con-
sidered the same, do direct, that the said Corporation shall
at all times hereafter fence the land so taken by them for their
road, on each side thereof, & that the said Corporation shall
cause suitable crossings to be made near the Southern
boundary of the North lot owned by said Merrick, embraced
in the above description & near the Center of the Middle lot em-
braced as aforesaid, the same to be provided with cattle guards,
over which the said Merrick, his heirs & assigns, shall at all
times have a right to pass & repass with Cattle horses & Carri-
ages at his & their will & pleasure, whenever it will not
interfere with the use of said rail road by said Corporation.
Also that said Corporation shall provide & forever maintain
a passage way for the purposes above mentioned under said
rail road in the deepest filling in said North lot, the same
to be not less than five & a half feet high & six feet wide
in the clear, and in addition thereto, the said Commissioners
assess the damages to the said Alanson C. Merrick occasioned
by taking his land as aforesaid at the sum of two
hundred & eighty nine dollars - \$ 289.00

A. T. Leonard
Melvin Copeland } County Commissioners
Wm. V. Sessions }

which report being read & considered is accepted & the said rail road
Corporation ordered to pay the costs of these proceedings taxed at

Richard Bagg Jr
 & others, for
 discontinuance
 of Highway in
 West Springfield
 & location of 2
 highways in said
 Town

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
 Your petitioners, Inhabitants of West Springfield in said
 County, respectfully represent that it would be advantage-
 ous to the public to discontinue the highway
 in West Springfield leading from the West end of Cabot
 & West Springfield Bridge, westerly to Nonesuch Meadow
 road, and by constructing instead thereof two roads, one
 leading from the west end of said Bridge northwesterly
 to the Ashby Brook near Moses Ashby's Garden, or some
 point between that & the present road. The other lead-
 ing from the west end of said Bridge, southwesterly
 to some point between Benjamin Ashby's house and
 the house of Richard Bagg. — Also that the highway
 between the house of Joseph A Smith and the Ashbyville
 School house requires alterations and improvements. —

Your petitioners respectfully ask your Board to view
 the premises, and to locate one or both of said roads,
 and discontinue the said present highway if such
 discontinuance shall be deemed expedient, or so much
 of the same as shall be deemed expedient, and also
 to straighten such part of the main road as the
 public good requires.

West Springfield Oct. 1. 1850

Richard Bagg Jr & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the
 County Commissioners holden for said County on the
 first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord 1850

At which meeting the Commissioners deeming a
 view of the premises expedient & proper gave notice
 that they would meet for the purpose of said view
 at the dwelling house of Daniel Ashby in West Spring-
 field on Wednesday the Eleventh day of December then
 next at nine o'clock A.M. and it was ordered by the
 County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be
 served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon
 the clerk of the Town of West Springfield in said County
 thirty days at least before the said eleventh day of
 December, and that all other persons & corporations
 interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of
 said petition and this order therein in the Hampshire

Post, a public newspaper printed in said County then
weeks successively the last publication to be fourteen
days at least before the time of said view, and it
was further ordered by the Commissioners, that Copies
of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance
thereof and this order be posted up by said Sheriff or
Deputy in two public places in the town of West Spring-
field fourteen days before said eleventh day of De-
cember and that notice be given in manner aforesaid
to all persons & corporations interested, that the County
Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient
& proper, and that a view of the same would be taken
by them at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to
meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners
held in said County on the fourth Tuesday of Decem-
ber in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and fifty one. - And the Sheriff of said County made
his return as follows

Hampden sh. Nov. 2^d 1851

I served the Town Clerk
of W. Springfield with an attested copy of this petition
& order by giving the same to him and also posted up in
two public places in said town an abstract containing
the substance of said petition

C Rice Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their
report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden sh.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners
of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in
said County on the first Tuesday of October in the
year of Our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty

On the petition of Richard Bayly Jr & others then
presented to said Commissioners representing & setting
forth that it would be advantageous to the public travel
to discontinue the highway in West Springfield leading

from the West End of Cabot + West Springfield Bridge westerly to Monowick meadow road + by Constructing instead thereof two roads, - one leading from the West end of said Bridge Northwesterly to the Ashley brook near Moses Ashley Garden or some point between that + the present road, - The other leading from the West end of said Bridge Southwesterly to some point between Benjamin Ashley house + the house of Richard Bagg-

also that the highway between the house of Joseph A. Smith + the Ashleypole School house requires alterations + improvements, + requesting the Commissioners to view the premises + locate one or both of said roads + discontinue the said present highway or so much of the same as shall be deemed expedient + straiten + alter such part of the main road as the public good requires, as by the said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises expedient appointed Wednesday the Eleventh day of December then next at the nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Daniel Ashley in West Springfield as the time + place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the Town of West Springfield being the town within which such location discontinuance + alteration are prayed for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petitions, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Hampshire Post a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time + place for commencing said view.

And on the said Eleventh day of December the Commissioners met at the time + place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties

at the same time of said views; and having heard the
petition, said Commissioners thereafter on the ^{day}
of June, next succeeding said views, proceeded to consider
and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and
after considering the same, said Commissioners did then
& there adjudge that common convenience & necessity
require that so much of said petition as prays for the
location of two roads Northwestly & Southwestly from
said Bridge should not be granted - that so much as
prays for alterations in the highway between the house
of Joseph A. Smith & the Ashlyville School House, be
granted & that so much thereof as relates to the discon-
tinuance of the highway leading from the Cabot and
West Springfield Bridge Westly to Nonesuch Meadow
road be granted in part, viz of all that part thereof
lying Westly of the highway leading from the house of
Daniel G. White Esq, to Fonthampton

N. J. Leonard }
Melvin Copeland } County
Wm. G. Sessions } Commissioners

which report being read & considered was accepted, and
the alterations & discontinuance prayed for, as specified
in said report, adjudged of common convenience and
necessity.

At which meeting the Commissioners ordered
that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested
therein that said Commissioners would meet at the
dwelling house of Horace Smith in West Springfield
on Tuesday the twentieth day of April then next at nine
o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of locating said
alterations & discontinuance of said highway, by pub-
lishing an abstract of said petition and their order
thereon in the Springfield Republican a public news-
paper printed in said County three weeks successively
the last publication to be fourteen days at least before
the said twentieth day of April; and it was further
ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff
of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the town
of West Springfield with a copy of said petition & this

order, thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of West Springfield from ten days at least before the said twentieth day of April, at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to locate said alterations & to discontinue a part of said highway, and would hear all persons and corporations interested therein who might then and then desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion might be just and proper, by reason of the location of said alterations and discontinuances,

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and the Deputy Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows,

Hampden Id March 5th 1852

I deliver the town Clerk of Chicopee with an attested copy of this petition and order by giving the same to him, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

A. Crafts Dep^y Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows

Commissioners of Massachusetts
Hampden Id.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty

On the petition of Richard Bagg Jr & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth that it would be advantageous to the public travel to discontinue the highway in West Springfield leading from the West end of Cabot & West Springfield Bridge, westerly to Mansuck Meadow road, and by constructing instead thereof two roads - one leading from the West end of said Bridge Northwestly to the Ashby Brook near Moses Ashby's Garden, or some point between that & the present road - The other leading from the West end of said Bridge, Southwestly to some point

between Benjamin Ashleys house & the house of Richard
Bagg; also that the highway between the house of
Joseph A Smith & the Ashleysville School House, ^{regarding alterations & improvements} and
praying the board to view & to locate one or both of said
roads, and discontinue the said present highway, if such
discontinuance shall be deemed expedient or so much
thereof as shall be deemed expedient & alter & straighten
such part of the main road as the public good requires,
as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises
expedient appointed Wednesday the Eleventh day of
December then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon
at the house of Daniel Ashley in West Springfield
as the time & place for viewing the premises; and
caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the
Clerk of the Town of West Springfield, being the town
which such location, alterations & discontinuance are
prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed
for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition
containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two
public in said town; and also gave notice to all persons
interested by causing a copy of said petition to be
published three weeks successively in the Hampden
Post, a newspaper published in said County said posting
and the last publication of said copy having been four-
teen days at least before the time appointed for said
view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners
gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing
notice of the petition to all persons interested, of the time
and place for commencing said view;

And on the said Eleventh day of December, the
Commissioners met at the time & place appointed, and
proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the
same, the further consideration thereof was deferred
till the meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield
aforesaid on the day of June then next, at
which meeting the parties were heard, and after the
hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider &
adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after
considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge
that so much of said petition as prays for the location

of two roads, Northwesterly & Southwesterly from said Bridge should not be granted, that so much as may be granted in the highway between the house of Joseph A. Smith & the Ashleyville School House be granted, and that so much thereof as relates to the discontinuance of the highway leading from the Cabot & West Springfield Bridge Westerly to Mansuck Meadow road be granted in part viz, that part thereof lying westerly of the highway leading from the house of Daniel G. White to Northampton.

And after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the twentieth day of April then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Horace Smith in said West Springfield as the time & place, when & where they would meet and proceed to locate such alterations & establish such discontinuance, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time & place appointed for such location & discontinuance in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as it is by law in such case made & provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said twentieth day of April met and proceeded to discontinue that portion of the highway leading from the Cabot & West Springfield Bridge Westerly to Mansuck Meadow, which lies West of the highway leading from the house of Daniel G. White Esq. to Northampton, & located the following alterations in the highway between the house of Joseph A. Smith & the Ashleyville School House, viz, Commencing on the Easterly side thereof at a fence post standing in the Southwesterly corner of Moses Ashleys door yard ^{fourteen rods & twenty five links to a sign by the fence then on the Easterly side of the road} & running South twenty five & a half degrees East, thirty four & a half rods to a Maple tree standing in the door yard of the late Oliver Bagges house - From the point where the location commences, to a point where a right line drawn with the Easterly side of the dwelling house standing near the lower mouth of the road leading by the house of William Ashly, strikes the line of location, the highway is located four rods in width, and from thence to the Maple tree above mentioned the width is forty

eight feet - then running South twenty one degrees East
ten rods & twenty links to a stone under the fence by
Morris Smiths door Yaw then South sixteen & a half
degrees East twenty rods & four links to a stone by the
Southwest side of Daniel Ashtons wagon house - then
South one degree East, twelve rods & four links to Mainers
Barners Southwesterly corner, at the point of intersection
with the road to Cabot & West Springfield Bridge -

From the maple tree aforesaid to the stone near said
Ashtons wagon house the highway is located forty eight
feet in width, & from this last point is widened so as to
be then rods in width at the point of intersection with
said Cabot road - the lines are run on the Easterly side
of the location -

The following directions will be observed in the
construction of the road Bed -

The travelled path is to be worked twenty feet in
width exclusive of ditches, the entire location.

On the course first mentioned for the first six rods
the grade is not to exceed three degrees, & from thence to
when it strikes the level grade of the next course is not
to exceed two & a half degrees - On the next course a
water level is to be made by filling as high as the nails
driven in three button ball trees near the brook which
level is to be continued westerly to the point when it
strikes the grade of two & a half degrees above mentioned
and continue South until it strikes the hill near the
mouth of the road leading to William Ashtons -

A Stone Culvert will be required over the brook, to be
twenty two feet long, the foundation to be of three inch
plank fourteen & a half feet long & laid transversely

The Abutment walls to be four & a half feet high, two
feet thick & the Culvert to be ten feet in width in the
Clear, - the foundation to commence twelve feet below
the required grade - At this point a semicircular Arch of
ten & a half feet span is to be placed on the Abutments
the Arch wall to be one foot and two inches thick & no
stone put therein that will not bed fourteen inches - the
joints of the ring Stone to be cut, suitable parapets & wings
are to be made to protect the surrounding embankment -

The Culvert is to be covered with earth to the depth

of eighteen inches - All the Mason work is to be laid in water lime Cement - The embankment on each side of the Culvert is to be twenty feet wide & from the termination of the wing walls is to be constructed with a slope of at least one & a half feet base to one foot rise and so sloped on the West bank on each side of the Culvert as to allow the passage of teams through the break and also to afford a convenient passage way from the highway to the land of William Ashley - Care must be used to leave all passage ways to or from any buildings as to render them convenient of access.

When the surface of the road bed, after being worked, consists of clay, the same is to have a covering of at least six inches thick & of the width of at least fifteen feet of gravel or stem chips.

All the materials used in the construction of said Culvert & road are to be of good quality & well adapted to the purpose, & all the work is to be done in a skilful thorough & substantial manner & to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the twenty fifth day of October next.

Having made such discontinuance & location as aforesaid & heard all persons who desired to be heard upon the question of damages occasioned thereby the said Commissioners proceeded to assess ^{the same} as follows viz:

To William Ashley twenty five dollars \$25.00

Horace Smith released all claim to damages & no other person sustained any damages in the judgement of said Commissioners.

A. J. Seearne
Melvin Copeland } County Commissioners
Wm. V. Sessions }

which report being read & considered is accepted and the alterations established as & for a public highway, and the said discontinuance is established.

Herbert King sat To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
Pet for alterations The undersigned respectfully represent that the now travelled
in highway in road from Westfield line near the public house of Horace
West Springfield King in Westfield, leading by or near the dwelling house
of Horace Smith to the Vabot Bridge so called is circuitous

Crookston, Kelly & Sandy.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request the Commissioners to view the premises & make such new road and alterations that may be thought needful and expedient.

October 8. 1856

Roswell King & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty.

At which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient & proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Roswell King in Westfield on Tuesday the tenth day of December then next at nine o'clock A.M., and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of West Springfield, in said County, thirty days at least before said tenth day of December, and that all other persons and Corporations, interested therein, be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and ^{the} order thereon in the Springfield Republican, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view, and it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy in two public places in the town of West Springfield fourteen days before said tenth day of December, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons & Corporations, interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient & proper and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty One, and the Sheriff of said County made his

return as follows.

Wampetun p. Nov. 3. 1850.

I served the Town Clerk of W. Springfield with an attested copy of this petition & order, by giving the same to him & also posted up in two public places in said town, an abstract containing the substance of said petition.

C. Rice Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Wampetun p.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, of the County of Wampetun, held at Springfield, in said County on the first Tuesday of October in year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty & by adjournment on the twenty second day of the same month.

On the petition of Roswell King & others, there presented to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth, that the now travelled road from Westfield line near the public house of Roswell King in Westfield leading by or near the house of Henry Smith to the Cabot Bridge so called, is circuitous, crooked, hilly & sandy & praying the Commissioners to view the same & make such new road & alterations as may be thought ^{expedient}, as by said petition on file will appear, -

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the tenth day of December then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Roswell King in Westfield, as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of West Springfield, being the town within which such alteration & location is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper published in said County said posting & the last publication of said copy having been

fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on said tenth day of December the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view, and having heard the parties, said Commissioners thereafter proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same said Commissioners did then & there adjudge that Common Convenience & necessity require that a highway be located from a point near the garden of Richard Bagg Jr in said West Springfield, to the road passing the house of said Henry Smith, near the school house - that from said last mentioned road, the highway be altered to a point near the brook which runs West of the house of said Henry, and that as to the remainder of said highway the same can with greater convenience be amended by ordering specific repairs so as to dispense the necessity of further alteration.

A. J. Leonard }
Melvin Copeland } County Commissioners
Wm H Sessions }

which report being read & considered was accepted, and the road & alterations prayed for, as specified in said report, adjudged of Common Convenience & necessity.

At which meeting the Commissioners ordered, that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested therein that said Commissioners would meet at the dwelling house of Henry Smith in West^{Spring}field on Wednesday the twenty first day of April then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said highway alterations & specific repairs, by publishing an abstract of said petition & this order therein in the Westfield Standard a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty first day of April.

And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners,

that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy serve the Clerk of the town of West Springfield being the town within which such alteration or location is prayed for with a copy of said petition & this order thirty days at least and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of West Springfield fourteen days at least before said twenty first day of April, at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to locate & establish such alterations & repairs and would hear all persons & corporations interested therein who might then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion might be just & proper, by reason of the location of said road, alterations & repairs.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows

Hampden ss. March 2^d 1852

In obedience to the foregoing petition I this day notified the town Clerk of West Springfield by giving in hand an Attested Copy of this petition & order thereon & also posting up in two places in said town an abstract containing the substance thereof.

Justin Wilson Sheriff

and now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & fifty.

On the petition of Roswell King & others then present to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth that the now travelled road from Westfield line near the public house of Roswell King in Westfield leading by or near the dwelling house of Harvey Smith to the Cabot Bridge is circuitous, hilly & sandy, and praying said Commissioners to view the premises & make such new road & alterations, that might be thought useful & expedient, as by said petition on file will

appears

The Commissioners desiring a view of the premises appointed Tuesday the tenth day of December then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Roswell King in Westfield as the time and place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of West Springfield being the town within which such ^{location} ~~alteration~~ ^{& repairs on} ~~location~~ is prayed for thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper published in said County, said posting & the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested, of the time & place for commencing said view.

And on the tenth day of December the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same ^{& heard the parties} the further consideration thereof was deferred till the meeting of the Commissioners held at Springfield aforesaid thereafter at which meeting said Commissioners proceeded to consider & adjudicated upon the prayer of said petition and after considering the same said Commissioners did adjudge that a highway be located from a point near the garden of Richard Bagg Jr in said West Springfield to the road passing the house of said Harvey Smith near the school house, that from said last mentioned road the highway be altered to a point near the brook which runs Westwardly of the house of said Harvey, & that as to the residue of said highway the same could with greater convenience be amended by ordering specific repairs so as to supersede the necessity of further alterations, and after adjudicating as aforesaid said Commissioners appointed Wednesday the twenty first day of April then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Harvey Smith in said

West Springfield, as the time & place when & where they would meet and proceed to locate such highway alteration, and direct such specific repairs, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time & place appointed for such location & direction, in the same manner as the notice & publication was given & made, and as is by law in such case made & provided, before proceeding view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said twenty first day of April next & proceeded to locate said highway as follows, — Commencing at the southerly side of the road near Baygor garden at a stone monument, & then running South fifty five degrees West, twenty seven rods & twelve links on land of Adesak Kent, then the same course on land of Alfred Roswell one hundred & six rods & four links, then the same course on land of James P. Oly four rods & two links to a stone on the Easterly side of the highway near the School House — And also located said alteration as follows viz, Commencing at the stone last mentioned & crossing said highway, & running on land of Mary Smith, South, seventy eight degrees & twenty five minutes West, eight rods & twenty four links to the South East Corner of said Smiths Corn house, then South eighty seven & a half degrees West one rod & four links to the South West Corner of said Corn house then North Eighty five degrees & five minutes West, nineteen rods & three links to a stone in said Smiths lot — then North seventy five degrees west, thirty six rods to a stone on the Easterly side of the old highway, then South eighty seven & a half degrees West nine rods & nineteen links to a White Oak tree — the line being run on the right hand side of the location — said new highway & the highway as altered are located then rods in width —

The following directions will be required to be observed in the Construction of the said highway & alteration viz.

The road bed will be constructed eighteen feet in width exclusive of ditches — Sluices of stone will be required wherever it may appear necessary to pass the water from one side of the road bed to the other, —

The road bed is to be so worked that the grade thereof running westerly from the stone ~~where~~ near the school house shall not exceed two degrees & a half, being at the old road uniform with the old road, and after crossing the old road westerly, to be uniform from the old road to the corn house of Saint Henry, and the next ten rods westerly is to be constructed at one & a quarter degree grade from the termination thereof.

The grade for the next forty five rods is not to exceed two & one fourth degrees - the earth to be removed from the upper to the lower part of the hill for filling -

All spongy & soft portions of the road bed after being well shown up are to have a covering of gravel or some other suitable material of the depth of at least six inches. - If any part should appear to be sandy after being properly worked, the same is to be covered with some suitable material for hardening to the depth of at least six inches.

The owners of land over which such location of said highway & alteration are made, are allowed until the first day of February next, to remove their wood timber trees & buildings therefrom, -

A cattle pass will be required to be constructed on land of Ochoah Kent, and another upon the land of Alfred Bosworth near the Northeast side of his West portion -

The abutment walls are to be made of stone & to be so laid & the passway to be so constructed as not to interfere with the grade of the road - The passageway to be not less than five feet in height & four feet in width in the clear - In grading the road, all sudden elevations are to be reduced, and all unnecessary undulations avoided the entire length of the location, - The center line of location will be the center of the road bed, except at angles when the turnings are to be as easy & gradual as may be practicable & to be so constructed as to connect conveniently with the other roads, -

The hill by the house of Delight Phelps is to be reduced so that after being hardened with some suitable material to the depth of not less than six inches,

it shall not exceed a grade of two degrees—

The top of the hill southerly of Riley Smiths is to be raised three feet & the grade to be made uniform until the excavation runs out—

A Stone Sluice will be required near the end of the railing north of the barn of the widow Smith.

All other Sluices & ditches will be required to be freed from obstructions— All sandy portions of the road from the house of Delight Phelps to the guide board near the Springfield road are to be hardened with some suitable material to the depth of at least six inches— A Stone Sluice will be required at the point of Connection between the Springfield & Chicopee roads—

From the guide board to land occupied by the Western Rail Road the road is to be turnpiked twenty feet in width exclusive of ditches—and to be covered with gravel whenever it shall appear ^{not} to be sufficiently hard, to the depth of at least six inches & of the width of at least twelve feet—

The road bed is to be filled for the space of sixteen rods from the track of the rail road on each side of the rail road—the grade to be uniform from the rail road track to the points of depression.

From the first sluice West of the rail road the North ditch is to be opened as far as a bunch of Box woods so as to admit a free passage of the water— Two additional Sluices of Stone will be required, one opposite a Scrub Button Ball marked S, and the other about seven rods East of the Bridge across Westfield River—

The road bed when the last mentioned sluice is to be constructed will be required to be raised two feet above its present height & the grade to be made uniform on each side thereof until the filling runs out— The sandy portions of the road near the rail road is to have a covering of gravel to the depth of at least six inches—

After having heard all persons & corporations who desired to be heard upon the question of damages occasioned by the foregoing location, the said Commissioners

proceeded to estimate the same as follows, viz:
 To Alfred Baswell four hundred & five dollars 405.00
 " Abner Hunt One hundred & ninety five dollars 195.00
 " Elijah Ashby three dollars 3.00
 " School District twenty five dollars 25.00
 April 21, 1852.

A. J. Leonard
 Melvin Copeland } County
 W. V. Sessions } Commissioners

which report being read & considered is accepted
 and the road and alterations & specific repairs
 established as & for public highways.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden Samuel B. Perry & al
 Humbly show the undersigned Citizens of Wales, in said County & vicinity, that certain parts of the highway leading in Wales
 from said Wales to the town of Union in the State of
 Connecticut, and which parts are within the said town
 of Wales, are circuitous, hilly, narrow and in other
 respects inconvenient & unsafe for the public travel there-
 on & believing that a great improvement in said road
 may be had, and at a comparatively small expense, by
 the locating & constructing of a new piece of highway in said
 Wales, to connect certain parts of the present highway
 aforesaid, and that the public good demands, that said
 new piece of highway be laid out & built at as early a
 day as practicable, — said new piece of highway to com-
 mence in the line of the present highway near the house
 or barn of Deaford Aldham in said Wales, thence
 extending southeasterly to and crossing the present
 highway near the house of Orrin Aldham, and thence
 onward in the same direction through lands of the said
 Orrin Aldham, Samuel B. Perry & Silas Bailey, to
 said highway leading from said Wales, to said Union
 at such point as may be thought most proper. —

And believing as aforesaid, your petitioners hereby re-
 spectfully pray your Hon. Board to view the premises
 aforesaid at as early a time as may be convenient, and
 take such action in the matter by laying out & causing
 to be built said new piece of highway, or otherwise, as

in your Judgment the Convenience & good of the public shall require, And as in duty bound will ever pray.

Wales April 7. 1851 -

Samuel B. Perry & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty one,

At which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient & proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the Dwelling house of Danford Needham in Wales, on Wednesday the tenth day of September then next, at nine o'clock A.M. And it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy upon the Clerk of the town of Wales in said County, thirty days at least before the said tenth day of September, and that all other persons and Corporations, interested therein, be notified by publishing a copy of said petition, and this order thereon, in the Palmer Journal, a public newspaper printed in said County three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view,

And it was further ordered by the Commissioners that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof, ^{in this order} be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy in two public places in Town of Wales fourteen days before said tenth day of September, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons & Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient & proper, and that a view of ^{the} premises ^{same} would be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December then next, And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows,

Hampden Sp. July 8. 1851

In obedience to the foregoing petition

I this day notified the Town Clerk of Wales by giving
him in hand an attested copy of this petition & order
thereon. Also posting up in two public places in said
Town an abstract containing the substance thereof
Justin Wilson Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report
in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners
of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said
County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our
Lord eighteen hundred and fifty one

On the petition of Samuel B. Perry & others, Citizens
of Wales in said County, then presented to said Commis-
sioners, representing & setting forth that certain parts of
the highway leading from said Wales to the Town of Union
in the State of Connecticut & which parts are within the
said town of Wales, are circuits hilly narrow & in other
respects inconvenient & unsafe for the public travel
thereon & believing that a great improvement in said
road may be had & at a comparatively small expense
by the locating & constructing of a new piece of highway
in said Wales to connect certain parts of the present
highway aforesaid & that the public good demands that
said new piece of highway be laid out & built at as
early a day as possible to commence in the line of the
present highway near the house or barn of Danforth
Needham in said Wales, then extending Southeastly to
& crossing the present highway near the house of Orrin
Needham & thence onward in the same direction through
lands of said Orrin, Samuel B. Perry & Silas Bentley, to
said highway ^{from} to said Wales to said Union, at such point
as may be thought proper, and praying the Commissioners
to view the premises & take such action in the matter by
laying out & causing to be built said new piece of highway
or otherwise as in their judgment the convenience &
good of the public shall require, as by said petition on
file will appear,

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises

expedient, appointed Wednesday the tenth day of September then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Danforth Steedman in Wales as the time & place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Wales, being the town within which such highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Palmyra Journal, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time & place for commencing said view.

And on the said tenth day of September the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed & proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties said Commissioners then proceeded to view the premises consider & adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; & after considering the same, said Commissioners did then & then adjudge that Common Convenience & necessity require that a new highway should be located according to the prayer of said petition.

A. T. Leonard
 Melvin Copeland } County Commissioners
 Wm. V. Sessions }

which report being read & considered was accepted & the road prayed for adjudged of Common Convenience and necessity.

At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons & corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners would meet at the dwelling house of A. B. Perry in Wales on Thursday the thirtieth day of May ^{then} next at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

for the purpose of locating said highway by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order therein in the Palmer Journal a public newspaper printed in said County, then weeks successively the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said thirtieth day of May - And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of Wales, with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Wales, fourteen days at least before the said thirtieth day of May, at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to locate said highway and would hear all persons & corporations interested therein who might then & there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion might be just & proper by reason of the location of said road.

And this petition was continued ^{from meeting to meeting} to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows,
Hampden ss. April 2. 1852

In obedience to the foregoing petition I this day notified the Town Clerk of Wales by giving in hand an attested copy of this petition & order therein and also posting up in two public places in said Town abstracts containing the substance thereof.

Justin Wilson Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden held at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty one.

On the petition of Samuel B. Perry & others, then presented to said Commissioners representing & setting forth that certain parts of the highway leading from Wales in said County to the town of Union in the State of Connecticut & which parts are in said Wales, are circuitous, rocky and

narrow, & in other respects inconvenient & unsafe for the public travel, & praying said Commissioners to locate a new piece of highway to ^{the line of the present} commence on the highway near the house of Danford Needham in said Wales, thence extending Southeastwardly to & crossing the present highway near the house of Orrin Needham & thence onward in the same direction, through land of said Corrin & said Perry & Elias Bentley to said highway leading from said Wales to said Union at such point as may be thought proper, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Wednesday the tenth day of September then next & nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Danford Needham ^{in Wales} as the time & place for viewing the premises and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the Town of Wales, being the town within which such Highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view, and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Palmer Journal, a newspaper published in said County, said posting & the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view, and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time & place for commencing said view. — And on the said tenth day of September the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid on the fourth Thursday of December then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, & after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider & adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same said Commissioners did adjudge that the Common Convenience & necessity require that the

prayer of said petition should be granted, and after adjudi-
cating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Thurs-
day the thirteenth day of May then next and nine
o'clock in the forenoon at the house of J. B. Perry in said
Wales, as the time & place, when & where they would meet
and proceed to locate make such location, and the said
Commissioners, having given notice of the adjudication and
the time and place appointed for location, in the same
manner as the notice & publication was given & made
and as is by law in such case made & provided, before
proceeding to view, (except publishing an abstract of
said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said
thirteenth day of May, met & proceeded to locate said
piece of highway as follows beginning - Beginning at a stone
monument on the Northern side of the road leading
from Union to Wales, & about twelve rods, from the State
line, then running on land of Samuel B. Perry North
thirty six & a quarter degrees West, forty eight rods, and
eighteen links to a stone monument, then North twenty
three & three quarters degrees West twenty eight rods & ten
links to a stone monument South of said Perry's house
then North nineteen degrees West twenty one rods, and
twenty three links to a stone monument near said Perry's
Barn - then North twenty four & a half degrees West
twenty rods to a stone monument at Orrin Reed's place
line - then on land of said Orrin North thirty one degrees
and forty ~~one~~ minutes West, forty rods, & ten links to an
ash tree marked, - a stone stone is to be constructed on
each of the above mentioned courses at suitable places
Then North twenty eight & a quarter degrees West, forty
rods & nineteen links to the old turnpike - On this
course a passway for Cattle will be required, at a
point near the division fence, between the mowing
lot near the barn of said Orrin, and the adjoining
pasture, to be not less than five & a half feet in height
& four feet in width in the clear, the abutment walls
and the covering to be of stone, the covering stone to be
at least six feet in length, & to be covered with earth
to the depth of at least eight inches, the passway to be
such so much as not to interfere with the grade of the
road - A stone Bridge will also be required over the brook

Sixteen feet long^{and} of the same size in other respects as that upon the Stafford road, the covering stone to have a bearing of not less than one foot on each end thereof. Then North twenty eight & a quarter degrees West, across said highway, three rods, then the same course on land of Danforth & Stephen Needham, nine rods to land of said Orrin - then in the same course on land of said Orrin fifteen rods to a stone - then North one & a half degrees East, three rods & fourteen links to land of said Danforth & Stephen - then on said Danforth & Stephen's land the same course eighteen rods & eighteen links to the Northeast corner of their barn - Then North fourteen degrees West fifteen rods & five links to a stone on the West side of the old road - Said highway is located three rods in width, and the lines are run on the West or left hand side of the location.

The following directions are to be observed in the construction of the road.

The travelled path is to be well worked to the width of at least eighteen feet exclusive of ditches.

All stumps & roots are to be grubbed & the same, together with all large stones are to be removed from the road bed. Drains, Sluices & Bridges, Constructed of stone & of sufficient Capacity must be made at all places necessary for conducting away the water. Railings must be erected at all steep & dangerous places - Swampy & soft places must be raised at least one & a half foot -

After being worked & raised as aforesaid the grade of that part of said highway lying West of the old turnpike for the first forty one rods, is not to exceed four & a half degrees, and on all other parts of said highway as located the grade of the road bed is to be uniform between the different angles East of the Stafford road.

The Center of the road bed is to conform to the center of the location, except at angles when it must be so worked as to make the turnings as easy & gradual as possible -

The owners of wood, timber & trees are allowed until the fifteenth day of November next to remove their wood

and timber therefrom—

All the work must be performed in thorough and skillful manner, all the materials used must be well adapted to the purpose & the whole must be constructed to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of July 1853—

After having made said location & heard all parties interested in the question of damages who appeared for that purpose, the said Commissioners have proceeded to estimate the same as follows viz

To Danforth & Stephen Needham,	
Two hundred & ten dollars }	210.00
" Olin Needham three hundred & twenty dollars }	370.00
" Samuel B. Perry Ninety eight dollars }	98.00

May 13. 1852

A. T. Leonard
Melvin Copeland } County Commissioners
M^r V. Sessions }

which report being read & considered is accepted, and the road established as and for a public highway

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden W. W. Bacon & al
Respectfully represents your petitioners that the public Pet for highway
convenience requires that there should be a road made & in Granville
laid out, commencing in Granville (West Parish) near & Tolland
the house of Lyman Shepard in said West Parish, terminating somewhere on the old road the East side of
Tolland Meeting House, also discontinue such parts of
the present highway between said points, as may be rendered
unnecessary by such location,—

Springfield Oct. 15. 1857.

W. W. Bacon & another

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty one,

at which meeting the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient & proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Lyman Shepard in Granville

on Thursday the twentieth day of November then next at ten o'clock A.M. And it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy upon the Clerk of the towns of Granville & Tolland in said County thirty days at least before the said twentieth day of November and that all other persons & corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition & this order thereon in the News Letter, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view, and it was further ordered by the Commissioners that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof & this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or deputy in two public places in the towns of Granville & Tolland fourteen days before said twentieth day of November & that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons & corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient & proper and that a view of the same would be taken by them at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December then next, and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows,
Hampden ss. Oct^r 20. 1881

I this day served the town Clerks of Granville & Tolland by giving in hand one attested copy of this petition & order thereon, and also posting up in two public places, abstracts containing the substance thereof
Justin Wilson Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Hampden ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden held at Springfield on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eight.

ten hundred & fifty one.

On the petition of W. M. Bacon & others then presented to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth that the public convenience requires that there should be a road made & laid out commencing in Granville (West Parish) near the house of Lyman Shepard, in said West Parish, and terminating somewhere on the old road the ^{last} side of Tolland Meeting House - Also to discontinue such parts of the present highway between said points, as may be considered unnecessary by such location, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Thursday the twentieth day of November then next and ten o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Lyman Shepard in Granville, as the time & place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerks of the towns of Granville & Tolland, being the towns within which such location & discontinuance are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in each of said towns; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the News Letter, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested of the time & place for commencing said view.

And on the said twentieth day of November, the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider & adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then & there adjudge that Common Convenience & necessity

require that a highway be located commencing on or near the land of the heirs of Granger, and extending to the old road near the house of James Hamilton in Tolland, and that so much of the present highway as lies in said Granville, as may lie south-
-eastly of the new highway that may be located, be discontinued.

A. T. Leonard
Melvin Copeland } County Commissioners
Wm V. Sessions }

which report being read & considered, was accepted, and the road & discontinuance prayed for, as specified in said report adjudged of Common Convenience & Necessity.

At which meeting notice to locate was ordered, but no proceedings were had under said order, & this petition was continued to the meeting of the Commissioners, holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April then next. At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein that said Commissioners would meet at the late dwelling house of Lyman Shepard in said Granville on Thursday the twentieth day of May then next at nine

o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said highway, by publishing a copy of said petition & this order therein, in the Westfield News Letter, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said eighth day of April; and it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the clerks of the towns of Granville & Tolland with a copy of said petition & this order, thirty days at least, - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof, in two public places in said towns of Granville & Tolland fourteen days at least before the said eighth day of April, at which time the said Commissioners would proceed to locate said highway & discontinue so much of the highway as lies in Granville, as may be south-
-eastly of the new highway; and would hear all persons & corporations interested therein, who might then & there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion might be just & proper, by reason of the location of said road.

And this petition was continued to this meeting and the Deputy Sheriff of said County makes his return.

as follows - Hampden Co. April 17, 1852 - In obedience to the foregoing petition I this day notified the town-clerk of Granville & Tolland by giving in hands attested copies of this petition - and also caused to be posted up in public places, abstracts containing the substance thereof. - Justin Wilson Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows,

Commissioners of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty one,

On the petition of W. W. Bacon & another, then present to said Commissioners, representing & setting forth that the public convenience requires that there should be a road made & laid out commencing in Granville (West Parish) near the house of Symon Shepard in said West Parish, terminating somewhere on the old road, the East side of Tollane meeting house - Also discontinuance such parts of the present highway between said points as may be rendered unnecessary by such location, as by said petition on file will appear,

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday the twentieth day of November then next and ten o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Symon Shepard in Granville, as the time & place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerks of the towns of Granville & Tolland, being the towns within which such location & discontinuance are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view - and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in each of said towns; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the News Letter, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time of said view, and before said view

was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested, of the time & place for commencing said view.

Upon the said twentieth day of November, the Commissioners met at the time & place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of December then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider & adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same said Commissioners did adjudge that a highway be located commencing on or near the land of the heirs of

Granger & extending to the old road near the house of James Hamilton in Holland & that so much of the present highway as lies in said Granville as may be south of the new highway that may be located be discontinued; and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Thursday the twentieth day of May then next & nine o'clock in the forenoon at the ^{late dwelling} house of Lyman Shepard in said Granville as the time & place when & where they would meet & proceed to make such location & discontinuance, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication & the time & place appointed for such location & discontinuance, in the same manner as the notice & publication was given & made, and as is by law in such cases made & provided, before proceeding to view, (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said twentieth day of May met & proceeded to make such location as follows: viz, commencing at a Stone Monument on land of the heirs of said Granger in said Granville at or near the commencement of a curve in the highway as located on the petition of

then running on said heirs land North fifty six & a half degrees West eight rods

to a Stone Monument - then North eighty degrees West
across a run of water, eighteen rods, to a Stone
Monument on Seander Mangers South line - the
grade of these two lines, to be even between the
angular points, and on the last corner a Stone
Bridge will be required of at least the dimensions
following viz. sixteen feet long, three feet high -
the abutment walls to be three feet apart in the
Clear and the covering Stone to bear at least one
foot on each wall - then on land of said Manger
North fifty three & three quarters degrees West, seven
rods, to a Stone Monument - then North thirty three
& a half degrees West seven rods & sixteen links, to
a hole drilled in a rock - then North twenty & a half
degrees West, six rods, to a hole in a rock - then North
ten degrees & fifty minutes West, sixteen rods to a
Stone Monument - then North nineteen degrees & thirty
five minutes West, five rods to a Stone Monument,
then North, thirty four & a half degrees West, six
rods & six links to a hole in a rock - then North
thirty nine & a half degrees West, six rods to a hole
in a rock - On the Course last mentioned, a pas-
sage way for Cattle must be constructed, the Abut-
ment walls, to be at least five & a half feet high
and three & a half feet apart in the Clear, the
covering to be of Stone, with at least one foot
bearing on the abutment walls - then North fifty
five degrees West five rods & fifteen links to a hole
in a rock - On this Course a good Stone Sluice
will be required of sufficient Capacity to pass any
accumulation of water from the upper to the lower
side of the road - The last eight Courses the road
is to be made of a uniform grade & is not to
exceed three & a quarter degrees - then North fifty
seven & a half degrees West, twenty seven rods &
twenty links, to ^{to a hole in a rock -} Tolland Town line - then North
Sixty & a half degrees West, fifteen rods & seven links
to hole in a rock - on Dwight M. Wheelers line -
then on said Wheelers land, North, Sixty nine
degrees West, twenty five rods & fifteen links to a
hole in a rock - then North, seventy one degrees West

across Chocoma hill brook, eight & a half rods to a stone monument - a Bridge will be required over this brook, to be not less than eighteen feet in length six feet above low water mark in the clear, and sixteen feet in width, then North seventy two & a half degrees West, twenty three & a half rods to a hole in a rock - then North fifty six & three quarters degrees West, eight rods to a stone monument - then North seventy three & a quarter degrees West, eight & a half rods to a hole in a rock on the West side of Hubbard's River - on this course a stone Culvert will be required over a small run of water back of said River, to be at least twenty feet long, five feet high & four feet wide in the clear - Also a Bridge over said River to be twenty five feet long sixteen feet wide, and the Stringers to be so laid as to be six feet above low water in the clear -

Then South eighty & a quarter degrees West, six rods to a stone monument - then South fifty two degrees & fifty minutes West, twenty rods to a hole in a rock - A sluice will be required on this course at such point as, on working the road, it may seem to be required - then South forty & a half degrees West seventeen rods to a hole in a rock - then South forty three & three quarters degrees West, four rods & twenty links to a hole in a rock - then South fifty nine & a quarter degrees West, three rods to James Hamilton's land - then in the same course on said Hamilton's land, four rods & ten links to a black ash tree marked - then South seventy eight & a quarter degrees West, thirty four rods to a stone monument

A sluice will be required on this course - Then North eighty two & a half degrees West, ten rods to a hole in a rock - then South eighty three & three quarters degrees West, fourteen rods & twenty links to a hole in a rock - then South eighty nine & three quarters degrees West, twelve rods & fifteen links to a hole in a rock - then South sixty seven & a half degrees West, six rods to a stone monument - then South thirty eight degrees & thirty five minutes West, eight & a half rods to a stone monument - then

South twenty four & a half degrees West, thirteen rods
& eight links to the northward side of the old highway
near the brook.

The line run is on the northward or right
hand side of the location, & the highway is located
three rods in width.

The road bed must be judiciously crowned
from the sides thereof to the center, & be worked at
least eighteen feet in width exclusive of ditches,
& runs, together with the ditches, be thoroughly
cleared of all stumps, roots & large stones, which are
to be placed in such a position that they will not
fall into the ditches by the action of frost. All
small stones lying upon or near the surface of the
travelled path which would in any way incommode
the public travel, are to be removed as aforesaid.

All soft & porous portions are to be hardened with
suitable material, & the present surface first removed
should it be found necessary to secure a permanent
hard road bed. If on being worked any places be
found to be sandy, such places will be required to be
sufficiently hardened.

The center of the road bed must be the center
of location except at angles where the curves are to
be so made as to make the turnings as easy as
practicable. No mounds will be allowed upon the
road, but sluice ways, the walls of which to be two feet
apart, will be required at all points where they may
seem to be necessary, in addition to those above
designated, and all sluices, Culverts, Abutments, &
barriers, will be required to be of stone, as also
the covering of sluices, & Culverts beneath the sur-
face of the road bed, at least six inches.

On the sides of the hills where the road is
made partly by excavation & partly by embankment
the down hill side must be made nearly level.

All sides of excavations or embankments, must
be made at an angle not exceeding forty five degrees.

Substantial railing must be constructed upon
the bridges, & upon such points of the road, as the
safety of the traveller may require. The grade of the

travelled path between the angular points of location after being worked & fitted for use, is to be uniform from one point to another —

All the materials used in the construction of the road bridges & other appendages are to be of good quality & well adapted to the purpose, and all the work is to be performed in a thorough substantial & workmanlike manner and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners, on or before the first day of June next —

The said Commissioners further adjudge & determine that so much of their former order made on the petition of Oliver D. Moore & others as requires the hill next the brook to be graded, be rescinded, and that so much of the highway located on said petition as lies south of the present travelled road, & so much of the present travelled road as lies between the point where the location upon the petition of said Moore leaves the old road & enters into it again be discontinued whenever the highway as located upon said petition shall be opened for public travel —

The owners of land on which the highway is located on the petition of the said Bacon & another are allowed until the first day of February next to remove their wood timber & trees therefrom —

After such location & discontinuance & hearing all parties interested therein who desired to be heard the Commissioners have proceeded to estimate & assess the damages occasioned thereby as follows (viz),

To Leander Harger One hundred dollars	100.00
" James Hamilton Two hundred & seventy five dollars	275.00
" The Widow & heirs of Samuel Granger fifty two dollars	52.00
	427.00

Dwight M. Wheelin released all claim to damages & no other person or Corporation sustained any in the judgment of the Commissioners

A. T. Leonard

Melvin Leopeland

Wm. V. Sessions

County Commissioners

which report being read & considered is accepted & the road established as & for a public highway & the discontinuance is established

All licenses granted by the County Commissioners
for the sale of Intoxicating liquors are hereby revoked
from and after the twenty first day of July 1852

Licenses

Levi Brown is licensed as an Innholder without
authority to sell intoxicating liquors in Greenville

The votes for County Treasurer being sorted & counted
it appears the whole number of ballots is three thousand
and three hundred & eighty six, necessary for a choice
sixteen hundred & ninety four, William Rice has
three thousand three hundred and eighty four and is
declared elected

Votes for

County Treasurer

Report of Inspectors of Prisons accepted

Several accounts against the County being now
presented for allowance amounting to the sum of
Three thousand three hundred and eighty dollars
& five cents, are allowed and ordered to be paid
out of the County Treasury

Accounts

The following persons are allowed the sums set
against their Names in full for damages to land
by the location of Highway, and the Treasurer is
ordered to pay the same, amounting to the sum of four
hundred & eighty dollars.

Land Damages

Henry Gatch	petition of E. Allen	171.00
Samuel D. Sharp	" " D. Bassett	80.00
Hadley Falls Company	" " Sol. Hermon	15.00
John & Charles Corbin	" " "	36.00
Edwin Sherman	" " "	180.00
		<u>\$480.00</u>

Hampden Co July 13, 1852, Judgment is entered
up according to reports &c and all matters not
acted on are ordered to be continued and this
meeting is adjourned without day

Attest

Geo. F. Morris

Clk for the year

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden on the first Tuesday of October being the fifth day of said month and by adjournment on the eighth day of said October and by adjournment on the sixteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty two.

Present Norman J. Leonard Esq. Chairman

William V. Sebring Jr. County Commr.

Lucius P. Austin Special Commr. instead of
Melvin Copeland being sick & unable to attend

C. A. Davery & others
Pet. for alteration
of a Highway in
Chester & Blandford
No 9

In the Honorable County Commissioners of the County of
Hampden

Your petitioners would respectfully represent, that the County road leading from Russell, through a corner of Blandford & Chester Village to Chester Factory; is in many places crooked, narrow and encumbered upon; particularly that portion of it lying between the south line of Blandford, and the house of R. L. J. Pomroy in Chester. And your petitioners believe that public convenience requires, that something should be done; and they request your Honorable Board to view that section of the road at your earliest convenience, with reference to widening, straightening, improving or relaying and establishing the line of the same. As you in your judgment shall deem most expedient. As in duty bound &c

C. A. Davery & others

The foregoing petition was Entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one, at which meeting the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Amos Wheeler in Chester on Wednesday the nineteenth day of November next at nine O'clock A.M.; and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his

Deputy, upon the Clerk of the towns of Chester & Blandford
in said County, thirty days, at least before the said
nineteenth day of November, and that all other persons
and Corporations interested therein be notified, by pub-
lishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon,
in the News Letter or public newspaper printed in said
County, three weeks successively, the last publication to
be fourteen days at least before the time of said view,
and it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that
copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the
substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said
Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the towns
of Chester & Blandford fourteen days before said
nineteenth day of November, and that notice be given
in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations
interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view
of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view
of the same will be taken by them at the time
and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to
meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners
held for said County on the fourth Tuesday of
June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hun-
dred and fifty two, and the Sheriff of said County
made this return as follows.

Hampden Co. Octo 18th 1851 - I this day served the
Town Clerk of Chester and Blandford by giving in
hand an attested copy of this petition and order
thereon and also posting in two public places abstrac-
ts containing the substance thereof

Justice Wilson Sheriff
At which meeting the Commissioners made their
Report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners
of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in
said County, on the first Tuesday of October in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty one
On the petition of C. R. Ducey & others there

presented to said Commissioners, ^{Representing} and setting forth that the County road leading from Rappah through a corner of Blandford and Chester Village to Chester Factory is in many places crooked, narrow & encumbered upon, particularly that portion of it lying between the South line of Blandford and the House of R.S.T. Pomeroy in Chester & requesting the Commissioners to view that section of the road with reference to widening, straightening, improving or relaying and establishing the line of the same as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the nineteenth day of November then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of A.M. Wheeler in Chester, as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerks of the town of Blandford & Chester, being the towns within which such alterations & new location are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said towns; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the News Letter a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view; And on the said nineteenth day of November the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require.

that alterations be made in said Highway between the low ground South of the house of said Pomeroy and a small peach tree South of the house of Martin Phelps and from a point about twenty rods Northwesterly of a small pine bush marked A on land of said Phelps to said bush and from a white pine tree marked A Southerly to the barn of James H. Williams. That from the river near the house of Melvin Copeland Esq to a point near the ledge South of Lindsley brook. The Highway be located anew & that as to the residue of said Highway the same can be so far amended as to supersede the necessity of making further alterations in the existing Highway: Melvin Copeland Esq being resident in said town of Chester, notice was given by the other members of the board to Elihu Bates Esq who appeared and acted in his stead.

N. J. Seemore } County
Wm V. Sefton } Comm.
Elihu Bates Special Comm.

which report being read and considered was accepted and the road & alterations as specified in said report adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested therein.

That said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of John Parker in Blandford on Wednesday the first day of September next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said Highway & establishing repairs & alterations by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Westfield Standard a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said first day of September. — And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerks of the towns of Blandford & Chester with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least — and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said towns of Blandford & Chester, fourteen days at least before the said first day of September, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to establish said alterations and repairs and locate said Highway, and will have all persons and

Cooperations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows.

Hampden Co. July 28. 1852. — In obedience to the foregoing petition I this day notified the Town Clerks of Blanford & Chester by giving in hand attested copies of this petition order thereon & also posting in two public places in said towns an abstract containing the substance thereof

Justin Willson, Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty one.

On the petition of C. A. Dewey & others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the County road leading from Russell through a corner of Blanford and Chester Villages to Chester Pastures is in many places crooked narrow & incumbered upon particularly that portion lying between the South line of Blanford and the house of R. L. J. Pomeroy in Chester and requesting that the same may be widened straightened or relaid and the line established: as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the nineteenth day of November then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of A. M. Wheeler in Chester as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerks of the towns of Chester & Blanford, giving the towns within which such obstructions, repairs, & relaying, prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said towns; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy

of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the
Herald Letter a newspaper published in said County, said
posting and the last publication of said Copy having been
formation says at least before the time appointed for said view:
and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave
notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice
of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place
for Commencing said view:—

And on the said nineteenth day of November the Commis-
sioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded
to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the
further consideration thereof was deferred till the next
regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield
aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of June then next: at
which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing,
said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon
the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same,
said Commissioners did adjudge that the common conve-
nience and necessity require that alterations be made in
said Highway between the low ground South of the house
of the said Perry and a small peach tree south of
the house of Martin Phelps and from a point about
twenty rods Northwest of a small pine bush marked
A on land of ^{said} Phelps to said bush, and from a white
pine tree marked A South to the barn of James H.
Williams: Thus from the river near the house of Melvin
Cushman Esq. to a point near the ledge South of the
Lindsay brook the Highway be located as now and that
as to the residue of said Highway, the same can be so
far amended as to supersede the necessity of making
further alterations in the existing Highway.

And after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners
appointed Wednesday the first day of September then next
and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of John Parks
in said Waukegan as the time and place where and where
they would meet and proceed to locate said Highway
and establish such repairs and alterations:— and the
said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication
and the time and place appointed for such location and
establishing such repairs and alterations
in the same manner as the notice and publication was

given and made, and as it is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof,) on the said first day of September next and proceeded to locate said alterations as follows, viz,

Beginning at a Stone monument on the Easterly side of the Highway standing seven rods Southwesterly of the South West Corner of R. S. Pomeroy's door yard in said Chester, and running on land of said Pomeroy South forty three degrees & thirty five minutes East two rods & seven links to a Stone monument standing on the line between said Pomeroy & Martin Phelps; thence on said Phelps land South fifty four & a quarter degrees East twenty six rods & seven links to a Stone monument; thence South fifty eight degrees & thirty five minutes East, Eleven rods & Eleven links to a Stone monument on the Easterly side of the present Highway: All of the above Highway as altered lies in said Chester:

Then Commencing another Alteration in said Blandford at a Stone monument at the Easterly end of said Phelps Stone wall near a ledge; then running South seventy two & a half degrees East five rods & nine links to a Stone monument in said Phelps lot: then South eighty two & a half degrees East six rods to a Stone monument; then North eighty six & a half degrees East eight rods to a Stone monument; then North twenty seven & three quarters degrees East, four rods & twenty one links to the town line at a point where a line strikes drawn from an apple to a Cherry tree marked B; then in the same course four rods & eighteen links to a Stone monument near a pine bush, the last distance only, the road lying in the town of Chester.

Another alteration commences at a Stone monument in said Chester opposite a pine tree marked about fourteen rods Easterly of an elm tree, then running on land of James Howard Williams South eighty three & three quarters degrees East sixteen rods & fourteen links to a Stone monument; then North eighty two & a half degrees East thirty one rods & seventeen links to the South Easterly corner of said Williams wagon shed, the whole of this last described alteration lies in said town of Chester,

The line run for the foregoing attraction is on the
Easterly or left hand side of the location and the
road as altered is located three rods in width.

And the said Commissioners then & there proceeded to
locate a portion of the Highway lying in Chester & Blount
as aforesaid, mentioned in said petition (new):
Beginning on the southerly side of the river at an
elm tree one rod westerly of the southerly end
of the bridge: then running South thirty & a half
degrees East two rods to a Stone, then South eighty
eight & a half degrees East twenty rods & two links
to a Stone monument: then South eighty seven
& a quarter degrees East seventeen rods & twenty
one links to a Stone: then South eighty three degrees
East two rods & eleven links to a Stone: then South
seventy five degrees & fifty minutes East three rods
& nine links to a Stone: then South seventy two
& three quarter degrees East three rods & nine links to
a Stone: then South sixty nine degrees East four
rods & eighteen links to a Stone: then South sixty
two & a half degrees East five rods & twenty three
links to a Stone: then South forty four & a half
degrees East eighteen rods & twenty links to a
Stone monument, by land of the Western Rail Road
Corporation—, then to a Stone monument on the
other side of said Rail Road and against the land
of James G. Allen, then running South forty three
& a half degrees East seven rods & thirteen links to
a Stone: then South forty three degrees & five minutes
East sixteen rods & nineteen links to a Stone monument:
then South thirty eight degrees East ten rods to a
Stone: — The Highway to this point as laid anew
and the limits defined & established is three rods
wide, the line run being on the westerly side
thereof. — Then South twenty nine & a half degrees East
two rods & eleven links to a Stone monument: then
South twenty two degrees East four rods & twenty
three links to a Stone monument: then South
twenty & a quarter degrees East thirty rods to an
apple tree marked **H**: then South eleven & a
quarter degrees East, eleven & a half rods to an iron

bolt driven into a rock: The four last mentioned
 courses describe the westerly line of the Highway as
 located anew and defined. The line upon the left
 hand or easterly side is defined and located as follows
 viz: Commencing at a Stone monument in front of
 the dwelling house of Daniel Granger opposite and
 three rods distant from a monument standing at
 the corner of Lyman Dimmocks dooryard and
 running South thirty one & quarter degrees East two rods
 & eight links to a Stone being a corner of the old
 Collins Tavern place; then North eighty five &
 three quarter degrees East four rods & fifteen links to
 a Stone; then South Seventy seven degrees & twenty
 five minutes East four rods & six links to a Stone;
 then South Seventeen & three quarter degrees west four
 rods & one link to a Stone; then South four degrees
 & thirty five minutes West eight rods & four links
 to a Stone; then North eighty five & a half degrees
 West eight & a half feet to a Stone; then South
 four degrees & thirty five minutes West, three rods &
 three links to a Stone. Then North eighty five
 & three quarter degrees West fourteen feet to a Stone;
 then South four & a half degrees west eleven rods
 to a Stone; then South Seven degrees five minutes
 East nine rods & four links to a Stone monument.
 The Commissioners give the following directions for
 constructing that portion of the Highway aforesaid
 which lies in the Town of Chester, north of the river
 as altered and upon which specific repairs are
 to be made viz— From the Stone monument at the corner
 monument of the Alteration near the house of R. D. Pomeroy
 the road is to be turnpiked on the centre thereof filled
 with good hardening material, so that the travelled
 path shall be at least sixteen feet in width exclu-
 sive of ditches, to a small button ball marker B near
 a ledge of rocks: From a line drawn from an apple
 tree to a Cherry tree marked B to the foot of the hill
 at the bridge and opposite the Shed of James H. Williams,
 the road is to be widened sixteen feet in width
 exclusive of ditches in good turnpike shape— All
 sudden elevations are to be reduced and all such

putting thereof as may be turnpiked and still remain sandy
are to be hardened with a coat of good loam or gravel at
least six inches thick, sufficient railing is to be put up
wherever it is necessary. — The whole of the work above
mentioned to be performed in a thorough and workman
like manner and to the acceptance of the County
Commissioners on or before the first day of May next.

In the construction of those portions of said Highway
lying in said Blandford in which Alterations are
made or specific repairs ordered the following direc-
tions are to be observed, viz. — From a small button
ball marked B to a line drawn from a Cherry
tree to an Apple tree marked B, the entire road
is to be well thrown up into turnpike form on the
centre raised with good hardening material so
that the travelled path, shall be at least sixteen
feet in width exclusive of ditches; All sudden
elevations are to be reduced in the road bed and
after being so reduced all ledges and large stone
must be removed to the depth of six inches below
the general surface of the travelled path; The ledge
South of the Brook near the House of Alpheus
Greenwood as far west as a line drawn from a
Stake and Stones thirty feet west from an Elm
tree marked to a Stake & Stones twenty six feet
west from a button ball marked, so far beneath
the surface of the ground, that there shall be a good
passage way for water on the line aforesaid, and that
portion of said ledge lying to the East of said line to
be reduced to the same depth.

All the Sluices where the same are required are
to be constructed entirely of stone and sunk below the
road bed, so that after being covered with earth
to the depth of at least twelve inches. The road
bed at such points shall not be elevated so as to
affect the grade of the road; A Sluice will be required
near the ledge above mentioned and between the
monuments mentioned in connection therewith.

The summit of the Hill, on the side of which said
ledge is situated, near a small birch tree marked B
is to be excavated to the depth of three feet and

The entire hill worked so that the travelled path shall not exceed a grade of two & a half degrees; a Sluice will be required opposite a beech tree marked D by of the height of the present Sluice and the road bed to be made uniform on each side thereof. Another Sluice will be required South of a row of five large Juniper trees. Another between two apple trees marked R about six rods apart. Another will be required a little South of a point opposite a small barn.

All of the above Sluices are to be at least eighteen inches square in the clear except that last mentioned which is to be three feet wide and the covering Stone to have a bearing of at least eight inches. Another will be required at the South end of the meadow near the foot of the Hill nearly opposite a large butternut tree to be three & a half feet wide in the clear, the covering Stone to be at least five feet long. Another Sluice will be required opposite an alder bush marked S to be eighteen inches wide in the clear. The Hill is to be filled at the bottom; the rocks to be excavated from the upper side so as to give a free passage for the water and from a point near the foot of the Hill to an alder marked R about eight rods north of Rufus line the road bed is to be so worked that the travelled path of that portion where it is filled shall be at least eighteen feet wide upon the top, with a slope of one & a half feet base to one foot rise, and the residue at least fifteen feet wide exclusive of ditches, and the travelled path will not be allowed to exceed a grade of three & a half degrees in any part thereof. The entire road from a point opposite an iron pin in a rock near said Greenwoods House to a point eight rods north of Rufus line except the two Hills, and the small point in regard to which specific directions are above given & also excepting the low ground on the lowest level near the river is to be turpided on the centre raised with some good hardening material of loam or gravel so that the travelled path shall be at least sixteen feet in width exclusive of ditches. If any portion of it after being turpided, shall remain sandy, the same must be covered at least ten feet in width with a covering

of loam or gravel or both at least six inches thick —
All large stone and rocks must be removed from the
road bed or reduced so as to be at least six inches
below the surface on an even grade on each side
thereof. Railing will be required at all steep and
dangerous places.

The work is to be performed in a thorough & workmanlike
manner to the acceptance of the County Commissioners
on or before the first day of May next: No fruit
trees are to be cut down in constructing the highway
or altered, and the owners are allowed until the
fifteenth day of October next to remove their wood,
timber, & trees therefrom.

Having heard all persons who appeared for the purpose
of being heard upon the question of damages occasioned
by the location, alteration & direction aforesaid, the
said Commissioners proceeded to estimate the same
as follows viz.

To R. L. J. Pomeroy three dollars	3.00
" Martin Phelps fifty dollars	50.00
" James Howard Williams twenty five dollars	25.00
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No other person sustained any damages in the
judgment of said Commissioners. — Melvin Copeland by
being resident in said Chester, notice was given by the
other members of the Board to Elijah Bates one of the
Special Commissioners who appeared and acted in his
stead

A. J. Leonard } County
Wm V. Sepiors } Commis.
Elijah Bates Special Comm.

which Report being read and considered is accepted
and the road established as for a public Highway.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire
The subscribers citizens of Granville respectfully
represent to your Honorable Board that public necessity
and convenience require that alterations be made on the
Highway running from Westford to Granville, beginning
at or near the house of Bradley Dewey, and running
Southwary to the house of John S. Rogers near the corner

Henry Clasket
others per for alter-
ations of a
Highway in Granville

so called; they therefore pray that the Commissioners may view the same and make such alterations and repairs as in their judgment the public good and convenience requires; as an duty bound your petitioners ever remain &c

Granville June 26. 1852

Henry Colgate & others

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, holden at Springfield, within and for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred fifty one, and by adjournment on the twenty eighth day of January eighteen hundred fifty two, at which meeting the foregoing petition was entered, and upon the petition aforesaid the County Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, give notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view at the dwelling house of Bradley Dewey in Granville on Friday the sixteenth day of April next at ten o'clock A.M. And it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Granville in said County, thirty days at least before the said sixteenth day of April, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the News Letter or public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Granville, fourteen days before said sixteenth day of April, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred fifty two, and the Sheriff of said County made this return in writing—

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report
in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden's at a meeting of the County Commissioners
of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in
said County, on the fourth Tuesday of December in the
year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty one.

On the petition of Henry Clark & others, then presented
to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that
the public safety & convenience require that Altera-
tions be made on the Highway running from Westfield
to Granville, beginning at or near the house of Bradley
Dewey and running southerly to the house of John
S. Rogers near the Canal so called, & praying the
Commissioners to view the same and make such
alterations and repairs as in their judgment the
public good & convenience requires: as by said petition
on file will appear.

The Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises
expedient, appointed Friday the sixteenth day of
April then next and ten o'clock in the forenoon at
the house of Bradley Dewey in Granville as the time
and place for viewing the premises: and caused a
copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of
the town of Granville, being the town within which
such alterations are prayed for, thirty days at least
before the time appointed for said view: and also
caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance
thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town:
and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing
a copy of said petition to be published three weeks
successively in the News Letter, a newspaper published
in said County, said posting and the last publication
of said copy having been fourteen days at least before
the time appointed for said view: and before said
view was had, said Commissioners gave notice
in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of
the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and
place for commencing said view.

And on the said sixteenth day of April the Commission-
ers met at the time and place appointed and

proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the Parties at the same time of said views; and having heard the Parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the Prayer of said Petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the Prayer of said Petition should be granted.

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 Wm. V. Sepious } Commissioners
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which report being read and considered was accepted and the Alterations and repairs adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners would meet at the dwelling house of Bradley Dacey in Granville on Friday the third day of September their next and nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of locating said Alterations by publishing and abstract of said Petition and this order thereon, in the News Letter a public Newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said third day of September; And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of Granville with a copy of said Petition and this order, thirty days at least and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Granville fourteen days at least before the said third day of September at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to make said alterations; and will hear all persons and Corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and apportion such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said Alterations, and this Petition was continued to this meeting - and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return in writing. And now the Commissioners make their report in writing

as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty one,

On the Petition of Henry Colnash & others then presented to said Commissioners representing and setting forth that the public necessity & convenience require that Alterations be made on the Highway running from Westfield to Granville, beginning at or near the House of Bradley Dewey & running Southerly to the House of John S. Rogers near the Corner so called, and praying the Commissioners to view the same and make such Alterations and repairs as in their judgment the public good & convenience requires: as by said petition on file will appear. — The Commissioners, deeming a view of the Premises expedient, appointed Friday the sixteenth day of April then next and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the House of Bradley Dewey in said Granville as the time and place for viewing the Premises: and caused a Copy of said Petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Granville, being the town within which such Alterations is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view: and also caused abstracts of said Petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town: and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a Copy of said Petition to be published three weeks successively in the News Letter a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said Copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the Petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said sixteenth day of April the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at

Springfield aforesaid on the fourth Tuesday of June then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of said petition should be granted, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Friday the third day of September then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Bradley Dewey in said Granville as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to make such alterations, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for locating such alterations, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said third day of September met and proceeded to locate said alterations as follows, viz,

Commencing at a Stone monument set in the ground Southwesterly of the house of Bradley Dewey, then running South twenty two degrees west nine rods & twenty three links to a stone monument; then South thirty three & a half degrees west twelve rods & eight links to a stone at the Northwest corner of Carter Strong's barn:— And the said Commissioners direct that the road bed be widened at least eighteen feet in width exclusive of ditches, and that all large Stone, Stumps & roots be removed therefrom, and all small stone that may inconvenience the public travel from the surface, and that the grade of the road bed shall be made uniform from a point opposite the South West corner of the house of Bradley Dewey to its connection with the Centre of the old road near the barn of said Strong: And the said Commissioners have assessed to Elazer Strong & Carter Strong twelve dollars as damages occasioned by said location.

And the said Commissioners direct that the following specific repairs be made upon the residue of the highway mentioned in said petition, viz, The levelled path between the two pitches on the "Round about" must

to be worked eighteen feet wide exclusive of ditches, and to be so worked as to make as easy a grade as practicable and a sufficient railing to be constructed against the same. The same rise next Westwardly of the foot of the "Round about Hill" to be cut down and carried Southwardly so as to make the grade uniform to the bridge. The next Hill north at a point opposite a small maple marked R is to be reduced three feet and the grade to be made uniform from that point Northwardly until it runs out, and from the point opposite the maple to a point fifteen rods Southwardly the grade is to be made uniform. The Hill next South of Strong's meadow is to be worked eighteen feet wide and graded so as not to exceed three degrees. — From the Southward large Chestnut opposite said meadow to the new road is to be constructed so that the road bed shall not be less than sixteen feet in width exclusive of ditches, and a new stone sluice constructed in place of the present, near said tree. The sluice next North to be extended so far East as to be twenty feet in length exclusive of ditches, the addition to be of stone. — All the work above mentioned is to be performed in a thorough workman like & substantial manner and to the acceptance of the Commissioners on or before the first day of May next.

Sept 3rd 1852

N. J. Leonard } County
Wm. V. Sepiers } Commissioners
Melvin Copeland }

which Report being read and considered is accepted and the road and alterations established as for a Public Highway

In the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
The undersigned legal Voters of the Town of Wales res-
pectfully represent, that the public good requires that
a certain piece of Highway, recently located by your
Honorable Board in said town of Wales, from a point
near Union line, running in a Northwesterly direction,
through lands of Samuel B. Perry, Oliver Needham and
Danford Needham, to near the home of said Danford

Oliver Needham Esq.
Not for Disim. Hwy
in Wales.

Needham, should be discontinued. — But should your Honorable board be of the opinion that the public good requires the aforesaid piece of highway to be built and should you issue your order for building the same and cause the same to be constructed & built; then your petitioners would further represent that when the aforesaid highway shall be built & opened for public travel, the public good will require, that so much of the present highway leading from Wales to the town of Union in the state of Connecticut as lies north of the point where the aforesaid piece of new highway is to commence to where said highway from Union towards Wales, intersects with the highway leading by the dwelling house of Loring Macey in the town of Holland towards Wales should be discontinued. — And believing as above, your petitioners hereby respectfully pray your Honorable board to view the premises aforesaid at as early a time as may be convenient and take such action in the matter as in your judgment the convenience and good of the public shall require. — and as in duty bound we ever may

Orin Needham & others

Wales the 15th June 1852

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two: At which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Orin Needham in in Wales on Wednesday the eleventh day of August next, at nine o'clock A.M.: and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Wales in said County, thirty days at least, before the said Eleventh day of August and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Palmyra Journal a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted

up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Wales fourteen days before said Eleventh day of August, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested; that the County Commissioners cause a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid: — and this petition was continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows: —

Hampden 7th July 7. 1852 In obedience to the foregoing Petition I this day notified the Town Clerk of Wales by giving in hand an attested Copy of this petition and order thereon and also posting in two public places abstracts containing the substance thereof.

Justin Wilson Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty two, —

On the petition of Oliver Needham & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the public good requires that a highway recently located by the Commissioners in said Wales from a point near Union line running in a northwesterly direction through lands of Samuel B. Perry, Oliver Needham & Danford Needham to near the house of said Danford Needham should be discontinued, but that if the public good shall require said highway to be built, that the public good will require that so much of the present highway leading from Wales to the town of Union in the State of Connecticut as lies north of the point where the aforesaid piece of new highway is to commence to where said highway is to commence to where said highway from Union towards Wales intersects with the highway leading by the dwelling house of Living Mary in the town of Holland towards Wales, should be discontinued & praying the Commissioners to view the premises and take such action in the matter as the public good shall require, as by said petition

on file will appear,

The Commissioners desiring a view of the premises, appointed Wednesday the Eleventh day of August then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the House of Arin Neaham in Wales, as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Wales, being the town within which such discontinuance is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in Wales said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Palmer Journal a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the ^{said} eleventh day of August the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity do not require that the prayer of said petition should be granted. William V. Squires by being unable to attend said view & having notice was given by the other members of said Board to Lucius P. Newton by one of the Special Commissioners who appeared and acted in his stead.

N. J. Leonard } County
Melvin Copeland } Commrs.
Lucius P. Newton Special Commr

which report being read and considered was accepted and the prayer of the petitioners refused with costs taxed at twenty six dollars & twelve cents.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden Louis Macey & others
The undersigned Citizens of Holland & Wales in said County, Pet for highway
and hereby respectfully show to your Honorable Board, that in the Holland & Wales
their opinion the public convenience requires that a new high-
way be laid out and constructed as follows, to wit, Commence-
ing at such point in the present Highway running by & near
the dwelling house of Louis Macey in said Holland as may
be deemed by you most proper, thence going westerly through
lands of said Macey and of Samuel B. Perry till the same
connect with a new Highway prayed for by said Samuel
B. Perry & others, and by your Hon Board adjudicated to
be of common convenience & necessity, running through the
lands & near the House of said Perry in said Wales at
such point as may by your Board be thought most fit
& proper. It is also the opinion of the undersigned, that
some parts of the present Highway leading westerly
from the said House of the said Macey, and of the present
Highway leading northerly from the State line, between the
towns of said Wales & of Union in Connecticut, may with
greater public convenience, "be discontinued," the parts of
said Highways to be so discontinued, are those lying between
the points aforesaid, and a point near an Old House of
one Ferdinand L. Bradley in said Wales. — And being of the
aforesaid opinion, the undersigned pray your Honorable
Board, to view the aforesaid premises, and act in the
matter of laying out said new Highway, and of discon-
tinuing said parts of said present Highways as in your
Judgment the public convenience & necessity may require
and as in duty bound we ever pray

Witness at said Wales

Louis Macey & others

March 1852

The foregoing petition was taken at a meeting of the
County Commissioners holden for said County on the
fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen
hundred and fifty two, at which meeting the Commissioners
deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave
notice that they will meet for the purpose of said view, at
the dwelling house of Samuel B. Perry in Wales on Thursday
the twelfth day of August next, at Seven O'clock A.M.;
and a ~~was~~ order by the County Commissioners that a copy
of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County on

His Deputy, upon the Clarks of the towns of Wales & Holland in said County, thirty days at least, before the said twelfth day of August, - and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a Copy of said Petition and this order thereon, in the Palmetto Journal, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. - And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that Copies of said Petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the towns of Wales & Holland, fourteen days before said twelfth day of August, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this Petition was continued to this meeting; and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Hampden Co. July 7. 1852 I in obedience to the foregoing Petition. I this day notified the Town Clarks of Wales & Holland by giving in hand an attested Copy of this Petition and order thereon & also posting in each of said Towns abstracts containing the substance thereof

Justin Wilson Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Communicate of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty two

On the petition of Lovin Macey & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the undersigned Citizens of Holland & Wales in said County respectfully show that in their opinion the public convenience requires that a new Highway be laid out & constructed as follows, viz. Commencing at such point in the present Highway running by and near the dwelling house of Lovin Macey in said Holland as might be deemed proper, then going Westward through lands of said Macey and of Samuel B. Peray till the

same court with a new highway prayed for by said Samuel B Perry & others, and that some parts of the present highway leading westerly from the said house of said Mary and of the present highway leading easterly from state line between the towns of said Wales & Union in Connecticut, may with greater public convenience be discontinued & praying the Commissioners to view & act in the laying out said New Highway & discontinuing said parts of said present Highway as in the judgment of the Commissioners the public convenience requires, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming in view of the premises expedient appointed Thursday the twentieth day of August then next, and Seven O'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Samuel B Perry in Wales as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerks of the Towns of Wales & Holland being the towns within which such location & discontinuance are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in each of said towns; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the journal or newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said Copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. — And on the said twentieth day of August the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to have the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity requires that the prayer of said petition should not be granted. — William V. Sefton by one of the Commissioners being unable to attend, notice was given by the

other members of the Board to Lucius F. Newton by one of the Special Commissioners who appeared and acted in their stead

N. J. Leonard } County
 Melvin Copeland } Commissioners
 Lucius F. Newton (Special Commr.)

which report being read and considered was accepted and the prayer of the petitioners refused: with costs taxed at twenty seven dollars & thirty six cents.

The Clerk was directed to notify the town of Holyoke of the completion of the Highway on the petition of Egan Allen & others and requiring the Inhabitants to pay into the Treasury of the County the expenses of completing the same amounting to the sum of two thousand & ninety six ²⁴/₁₀₀ for Dollars & interest

The Highways laid on the petition of J. B. Elder & others and of Egan Allen & others. are accepted having been constructed agreeably to the orders.

William Rice having been declared elected County Treasurer now appears and was sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties by the Chairman & gave bond to the acceptance of the County Commissioners

Horatio J. Lombard was appointed Chaplain for the Jail & House of Correction to take effect from the eighth day October 1852 - Compensation at One hundred dollars per annum.

Sundry accounts against the County being now presented for allowance amounting to the sum of Nine hundred and forty one dollars & twenty nine cents are allowed and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury

The following persons are allowed the sum set against their names in full for damages to lands by the location of Highways. And the Treasurer is ordered to pay the same amounting to the sum of One thousand eight hundred & two dollars & thirty five Cents.

To Estate of Saml. Arnold on pet of Elijah Owsen	5.00
" Elisha Gayleson — " " "	6.00
" Hiram Owen " " "	7.00
" Ezra Allen " " "	24.00
" Abijah Owen " " "	1.50
" Eben Eggleston " " "	.50
" Joseph Dudley " " "	4.44
" Rufus " " "	0.78
" Eben Eggleston & Hiram Owen " " "	1.68
" Wareham Sheldon " " "	.70
" Ebenezer Ross " " "	3.42
" Henry Colgate on pet of A. Wainwright	75.00
" J. C. Tillotson " " " "	55.00
" Bradley Dewey " " " "	25.00
" Widow of Josiah May & Heirs on pet of Ezra Allen	50.00
" Lucy O. Walker & Heirs of — Wainwright on pet of C. Alden	90.00
" Elijah Phumley " " "	50.00
" Daniel Miller " " "	65.00
" Sylvester Miller Jr " " "	6.00
" Symon Goodryne on pet of Joel S. Bapett	35.00
" Moses Thorp " " " "	50.00
" School House owned by the County } " "	
" & House of his daughter wife Eunice Howe } " "	62.00
" Sylvester Munger " " "	12.00
" Montague Street " " "	26.00
" Sydenham Street " " "	238.00
" Willard Ely " " "	20.00
" Henry Tuttle " " "	22.00
" Eliphaz Tenney on pet of A. Fuller	15.00
" W. B. Blanchard & Co " " "	200.00
" Chas. Cooley on pet of G. Mills Jr	10.00
" Sumner Parker on pet of S. A. Hittich	71.00
" Abner Jones " " "	175.00
" Warren Collins on pet of J. Kilborn	238.33
" Joseph Moody on pet of Selemon of Palmer	50.00
" Horace Smith on pet of R. S. Paine	80.00
" Timothy C. Tillotson on pet of A. Wainwright	25.00
Total 1802.35	

Hampden Co. Nov. 16. 1852

Judgment is entered up according
to reports &c and all matters not acted on are
ordered to be continued some this meeting is
adjourned without day.

Attest.

Jost Morris Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners
held at Springfield within and for the County of Hampden
on the fourth Tuesday of December being the twenty eighth
day of said month and by adjournment on the thirty first day
of said month in the year of our Lord One thousand eight
hundred and fifty two and by adjournment on the twenty
eighth day of January, and by adjournment on the eleventh day
of February, and by adjournment on the twenty fifth day of said
February, and by adjournment on the fifteenth day of March in
the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and
fifty three

Present Norman Leonard Esq } Chairman
Wm V. Sepians " } County
Melvin Copeland " } Commissioners

R L Bromley &
others pet for highway
in Chester

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
The undersigned would respectfully represent, that the Highway
leading from the Center of the town of Chester, to the Chester Village
Depot, is in many places fully, narrow, crooked and otherwise
out of repair: And hereby petition your Honorable board to view
that portion of said Road lying South of Crotons Pass house, and
relay and open a Highway from some point, South of the said
Pass house, to the Rail road near the Depot at Chester
Village: As in duty bound your petitioners would ever pray
Chester April 1852

R L Bromley & others

#/Present Norman Leonard Esq Chairman
Wm V. Sepians Esq County Clerk
Melvin Copeland Esq
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The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty two. At which meeting the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of John Parks in Blandford on Tuesday the twenty fifth day of May next at nine o'clock A.M. And it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Chester in said County, thirty days, at least, before the said twenty fifth day of May, and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Westfield News Letter, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Chester, fourteen days before said twenty fifth day of May. And that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June then next, and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Hampden Co. April 17th 1852 - I served the Town Clerk of Chester by giving in hand an attested copy of this petition and order thereon and also posting in two public places in said town abstracts containing the substance thereof

Justin Wilson Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co. - At a meeting of the County Commissioners

of the County of Hampshire, held at Springfield, in said County, on the Second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty two.

On the petition of R. L. Bramley & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the Highway leading from the Centre of the town of Chester to the Chester Village Depot is in many places very narrow crooked and otherwise out of repair & praying the Board to view that portion of said Road lying South of Easter Peases House & to relay & open a highway from some point South of the said Peases House to the said Road near the Depot at Chester Village; as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the twenty fifth day of April then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of John Puck in Mansford as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Chester, being the town within which said highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the News Letter, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. — And on the said twenty fifth day of May the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of said petition should be granted, Melvin Copeland Esq. being resident in said Chester, notice was given by the other members of the Board to Lucius P. Newcomb Esq.

one of the Special Commissioners who appeared and acted in
this stand

N. J. Leonard } County
Wm. D. Giffins } Commissioners
Lewis F. Newton Special Commr

which report being read and considered was accepted and
the said Highway & alterations prayed for adjudged of Common
convenience & necessity, at which meeting the Commissioners
ordered that notice be given to all persons and Corporations
interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at
the dwelling house of John Parks in Blanford on
Wednesday the thirteenth day of October next at nine o'clock
in the forenoon for the purpose of locating said Highway
& alterations by publishing an abstract of said petition
and this order thereon in the Westfield Standard a
public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks
successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least
before the said thirteenth day of October.

And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners,
that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy serve the
Clerk of the town of Chester, with a copy of said petition
and this order, thirty days at least and post up
abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public
places in said town of Chester, fourteen days at least
before the said thirteenth day of October, at which time
the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said High-
way & alterations, and will hear all persons and Corpora-
tions interested therein, who may then and there desire
to be heard, and assess such damages as in their
opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the loca-
tion of said road.

And this petition was continued from meeting to
meeting to this meeting, and now the Sheriff of said
County in pursuance of said Order makes this return as
follows, —

Hampden Co. Sept 11 1852

In obedience to the foregoing petition I this day notified
the town Clerk of Chester by giving in hand an
attested Copy of the petition and order thereon & also
posting in two public places in said town an abstract
containing the substance thereof

Justin Wilson Sheriff

Now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty two.

On the petition of R. L. Bromley & others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the highway leading from the Centre of the town of Chester to the Chester Village Depot, is in many places shilly, narrow, crooked & otherwise out of repair & praying the Commissioners to view that portion of said road lying South of Eustas Peases house & relay & open a highway from some point South of the said Peases house, to the Rail Road near the Depot at Chester Village, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the twenty fifth day of May then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of John Parker in Blandford in said County as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Chester, being the town within which such highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the New Britain a Newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said twenty fifth day of May the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of June then next, at which meeting the parties were

land and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same said Commissioners did adjudge that the common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition should be granted and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Wednesday the thirteenth day of October then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of John Parks in said Blandford as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate said Highway & alterations, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for such location in the same manner as the notice and publication was given & made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) in the Westfield Standard a newspaper published in said County, on the said thirteenth day of October next and proceeded to locate said Highway as altered as follows. (viz.)

Commencing at a stone set in the ground upon the line between the Counties of Hampshire and Hampden at the Southwesterly Corner of James St. Wilkins' land eleven yards, and from thence running North Seven & three quarter degrees West nine rods and ten links to the South west Corner of — Withersalls dwelling house, then North eleven & a half degrees East seven rods & three links to a stone Monument; then North eighteen & a half degrees West twenty three rods to a stone Monument; then North Seventeen & three quarter degrees West eight rods & seventeen links to a stone monument; then North twenty eight degrees West sixteen rods & twelve links to a stone monument: The Highway as altered to the last monument above mentioned is located three rods wide and the line runs on the right hand or Easterly side thereof.

Then commencing on the Westerly side of the Highway as herein located at a stone monument and at right angles with the last mentioned course and running the Westerly line of said Highway as altered North thirty two & a half degrees West eleven rods &

seventeen links to a Stone monument near the dwelling house of Mr. Edmund Jocelyn: then North twenty four degrees West, seven rods to a Stone monument near the brook: then North seven & three quarters degrees East twenty rods & seven links to a hemlock tree: then North four degrees East thirteen rods & nineteen links to a Stone monument at the southerly end of Julius Wears Stone wall: then North eighteen degrees East twenty two rods and twenty two links to a Stone monument near said Wears house: then North sixteen degrees East twenty rods to a Stone monument on the line between said Wears & Gillis S. Lewis: then North nineteen degrees East ten rods to an apple tree: then North twenty two degrees East twenty eight & a half rods to a Stone monument standing Westwardly of a hole drilled in a rock & three rods distant therefrom, at a right angle with the last mentioned Course.

The road thus far being located three rods in width as altered.

Then Commencing the location of a new Highway at the hole in the rock aforesaid on the right or Easterly side of the location & running North eleven & a quarter degrees East thirteen rods & seven links to a hole drilled in the Westwardly edge of a large rock: then North seventeen & a half degrees East sixteen rods & nine links to a hole drilled in a rock: then North five degrees East twenty & a half rods to a hole in a rock: then North nine degrees & twenty five minutes West thirteen rods to a small hemlock tree: then North nineteen & three quarters degrees West three rods & three links to a Stone monument: then North thirty & a quarter degrees West nine rods to a Stone monument: then North twenty two & three quarters degrees West eleven rods to a Stone monument: then North forty four & a half degrees West thirteen rods & fifteen links to a Black Oak tree: then North forty three & a half degrees West nine rods & fifteen links to a Walnut tree: The location thus far is three rods wide: then North twenty eight & a half degrees West eight rods to a hole in a rock on this Course the location widens from three rods at the commencement to five rods at the termination.

then North thirteen & a half degrees West Twelve rods & four links creeping a brook & terminating in the old road: on this course the location narrows down from four rods at its commencement to three rods at its termination.

The following directions will be observed in the construction of the road: The same from the place of commencement to the north side of said Waives lot is to be worked eighteen feet and the residue sixteen feet wide exclusive of ditches: The rock on the first course will be required to be excavated at least ten inches below the surface of the present travelled path and so as to give the width to the travelled path above mentioned, and the road to be finished North & South of the rock so that the grade shall not exceed one half of one degree.

The hill North the house of said Jocklyn on which the Gumlock tree above mentioned is growing is to be so worked as not to exceed a grade of three degrees.

The hill North of said Waives & opposite the land of G. S. Lewis is to be worked so as not to exceed a grade of six degrees.

The following Sluices are to be constructed, viz, Commencing at a hole in a rock: one is to be constructed on the first course, on the second three, on the third two, on the fourth one, on the fifth two, and on the sixth, seventh, eighth & ninth courses each one Sluice, and at all other points where upon constructing the road it appears necessary to carry the water from one side of the road to the other, Sluices will be required though not specifically mentioned. All Sluices must be constructed of stone, the covering Stone to have a bearing of at least one foot on each wall with good joints well settled, and to have a covering of at least six inches of earth and to be so constructed as not to interfere with the grade of the road.

The road is to be so constructed as that on the first course from the hole in the rock last above mentioned near the dividing line between the lands of said Lewis & Garry & Munson the grade shall be uniform and shall not exceed five degrees. — The grade of the next twenty four rods must not exceed six degrees. — Then for six

rods not more than five degrees. — The next six rods not to exceed six degrees with a cut of not less than two feet at the upper end of this grade. — The next twelve rods terminating at the small hemlock is not to exceed six degrees with a cut of at least two feet at the foot of the grade. — The next six rods from the hemlock tree is not to exceed five & a half degrees. — The next twelve rods not to exceed six degrees. — The next six rods not to exceed five degrees: — and the next twenty four rods terminating at the walnut tree not to exceed four & a half degrees, and from this point six rods to a rock the grade to be uniform, & also an even grade from said rock to the centre of the old road.

A Bridge will be required over the brook on the last course near the old road to be not less than twenty five feet in length and sixteen feet in width resting on Stone abutments laid bottoming four feet thick. — the bridge to be furnished with substantial railing parallel to the stringers and standing four feet above the flooring.

All sudden inequalities in the road must be raised to a level or regularly inclined planes. — All soft portions must have the spongy part removed where it may be necessary to make a permanently hard road, or have a sufficiently thick covering of gravel or other material to secure that result, and when finished must conform to the grade above specified. No mounds are to be allowed upon the road, but the road bed is to be so thrown up as that that the water will be readily conveyed to the ditches.

Substantial railing must be erected at all steep & dangerous points on the road. The posts when posts are used are to be inserted at least three feet below the natural surface of the ground, and the small end of the rails to be at least three inches in diameter.

All trees roots & stumps are to be thoroughly grubbed & the same together with all large stone are to be removed from the road bed within the respective widths above mentioned and so far therefrom that they will not be liable to roll back again. — All small Stone that may in any way render travelling upon the road uncomfortable are to be removed.

The ditches are to be so arranged that the water will pass

readily through them and passages from them to the exterior limits
of the way must be provided wherever it may be necessary.

All of the materials used in the construction of said Highway
bridge & appurtenances are to be of good quality and well adapted
to these purposes for which they are used and all the work
must be performed in a thorough workmanlike & substan-
tial manner and to the acceptance of the County Com-
missioners on or before the first day of July next.

The respective owners of land over which said Highway
is located are allowed until the first day of March next
to remove their wood timber & trees therefrom.

After making said location and hearing all persons
interested who desired to be heard upon the question of
damages, the Commissioners proceeded to estimate the
same as follows, viz.

To Julius Mariae Jonston dollars & eighty one Cents.	144.81
" G. S. Lewis Seventy five dollars	75.00
" Garry Munson two hundred & twenty dollars & six Cents	220.05
	<hr/> \$ 309.86

And no other person or Corporation appeared to claim
damages, and none are sustained in the judgment
of said Commissioners: — Melvin Cephus Esq. one of
the County Commissioners being resident in said town
of Chester, notice was given by the other members of the
Board to Lemuel P. Newton Esq. one of the Special Com-
missioners who appeared and acted in this matter.

Oct. 15. 1852

N. J. Leonard } County
Wm V. Sepiers } Commissioners
Lemuel P. Newton Special Commissioner

Which report being read and considered is accepted and
the road and alterations established as for a public
Highway.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire.

J. J. Moore & others

The undersigned Petitioners Inhabitants of Tolland in New Hampshire
said County respectfully represent that in their opinion the alterations of highway
public interest & convenience would be subserved and much in Tolland & Granville
expense to the town saved by discontinuing the road now
located from near the house of Lyman Shepard in
Granville through a part of Granville and Tolland to a point on

The road East of the meeting House in said Folland and substituting for said road such alterations & repairs as may be deemed necessary in grading the Hills &c on the present Road, and your petitioners respectfully request your Honorable body to review said located road with a view to ~~the~~ ^{its} discontinuance, and to order such specific alterations and repairs as may be deemed necessary in the present traveled road from the top of the Hill near the house of Lyman Shepard in Granville to the meeting House in Folland: and as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

Dated at Folland this

Paul J. Mead & others

of April 1852

The foregoing Petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners, Holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & fifty two at which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the late dwelling house of Lyman Shepard in Granville on Wednesday the nineteenth day of May next at nine o'clock A.M.; and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clubs of the towns of Granville & Folland in said County, thirty days, at least before the said nineteenth day of May and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Westfield News Letter a public Newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or deputy, in two public places in the towns of Granville & Folland fourteen days before said nineteenth day of May, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time & place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows—
 Haverhill, ^{April 7th 1852} ~~the~~ ^{the} Commissioners to the foregoing petition

I this day notified the town clerks of Granville and Tolland by giving
in hand attested copies of this petition and order thereon and
also posting up in some public places abstracts containing the
substance thereof

Justice Wilson Sheriff
and the Commissioners make their report in writing as
follows

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners
of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said
County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our
Lord eighteen Hundred and fifty two.

On the petition of Fowler J. Moore & others, there
presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting
forth that the public interest & convenience would be
subverted & much expense to the town saved by discon-
tinuing the road now located from near the house
of Lyman Shepard in Granville through or past of
Granville & Tolland to a point on the road East
of the meeting house in said Tolland & substituting
for said road such alterations & repairs as may be
deemed necessary in grading the hills &c. on the
present road & requesting the Commissioners to review
said located road with a view to its discontinuance,
and to order such specific alterations & repairs as may
be deemed necessary in the present travelled road
as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises
expedient, appointed Wednesday the nineteenth day
of May then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon
at the late dwelling house of Lyman Shepard in
Granville as the time and place for viewing the
premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be
served upon the clerks of the towns of Granville and
Tolland being the towns within which such discontinuance
and alterations are prayed for, thirty days at least
before the time appointed for said view; and also
caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance
thereof, to be posted in two public places in each of
said towns; and also gave notice to all persons interested

by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the News Letter a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as aforesaid in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said nineteenth day of May the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view: and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition: and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

N. J. Leonard } County
Wm. S. Sepiors } Commis-
Melvin Copeland } sioners

which report being read and considered was accepted, and the prayer of the petitioners refused.

James S. Eaton &
Others pett highway
& petitioners from
Ludlow to Chicopee

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire
The undersigned respectfully represent, that the now
travelled highway commencing near the house of
John Moody in Ludlow and running southerly near
the house of the late Noah Frost to intersect with the
highway laid by the former board of Commis-
sioners, that runs past Oliver Fuller in the South East
part of Chicopee, needs alteration, part of said
highway is badly narrow & sandy: Your petitioners
therefore respectfully request the Commissioners to
view said highway, and make such new highway
and alterations in the highway as may be need-
ful and expedient

James S. Eaton & Others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners held for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty two; at which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of John Murray in Ludlow on Tuesday the seventeenth day of August next at Nine O'clock A.M.: and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerks of the towns of Ludlow and Chicopee in said County, thirty days at least before the said seventeenth day of August next that all other persons and Corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Chicopee Telegraph a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the towns of Ludlow and Chicopee fourteen days before said seventeenth day of August next that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners held for said County on the first Tuesday of October then next: and the Sheriff of said County made this return as follows:

Hampden Co. July 8. 1852 - In obedience to the foregoing petition, I this day served the Town Clerks of Ludlow & Chicopee by giving in hand attested copies of this petition and order thereon, I also posting in two public places abstracts containing the substance thereof.

Justin Wilson Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their Report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eight hundred and fifty two.

On the petition of Jacob J. Eaton & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the new travelled highway commencing near the house of John Moody in Sudlow & running southerly near the house of the late Noah Frost to intersect with the highway laid by the former board of Commissioners that runs past Orrin Fuller in the South East part of Chicopee needs alteration, and that part of said highway isilly narrow & sandy & praying the Commissioners to view said highway, and make such new highway and alterations in the highway as may be needful & expedient as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the seventeenth day of August then next and vice Obloak in the forenoon, at the house of John Moody in Sudlow as the time and place for viewing the premises: and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the selectmen of the towns of Chicopee & Sudlow, being the towns within which such alterations are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view: and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in each of said towns: and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Chicopee Telegraph a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said seventeenth day of August the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view: and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition: and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and

thereby adjudge that common convenience and necessity require,
that the prayer of said petition so far as regards alterations
in said highway be granted.

August 17 1852

N. J. Leonard

Malvin Cepuland

Wm V. Sepius

County Clerk
Infirmities

which report being read and considered was accepted, and
the alterations prayed for adjudge of common convenience
and necessity. — At which meeting the Commissioners ordered
that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested
therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house
of Jacob S. Eaton in Sudlow on Tuesday the ninth day of Novem-
ber next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating
said alterations, by publishing an abstract of said petition
and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican a public
Newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively,
the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the
said ninth day of November. — And it is further ordered
by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said
County or his Deputy, serve the Clerks of the towns of
Sudlow & Chicago with a copy of said petition and this
order, thirty days at least and post-up abstracts containing
the substance thereof in two public places in said towns
of Sudlow & Chicago fourteen days at least before the
said ninth day of November, at which time the said
Commissioners will proceed to establish said alterations, and
will hear all persons and corporations interested therein,
who may then and there desire to be heard, and allow such
damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by
reason of the location of said alterations.

And this petition was continued to this meeting.

And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said Order
makes this return as follows.

Hampden Sp. Oct 8. 1852 — In obedience to the foregoing
petition I this day notified the Town Clerks of Sudlow &
Chicago by giving in hand an attested copy of the
petition & order thereon & also in two public places in
each of said towns an abstract containing the sub-
stance thereof

Justus Willson Sheriff

Now the Commissioners make their report in writing

as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty two

On the petition of Jacob S. Eaton & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the now travelled highway commencing near the house of John Moody in Ludlow & running southerly near the house of the late Noah Post to intersect with the highway laid by the former board of Commissioners, that runs past Oliver Butler in the Southeast part of Chicopee, needs alterations that part of said highway is hilly, narrow & sandy & praying the Commissioners to view said highway and make such new highway & alterations in the highway as may be useful & expedient as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the seventeenth day of August then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of John Moody in Ludlow as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerks of the towns of Ludlow & Chicopee being the towns within which such alterations are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said towns; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Chicopee Telegraph a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the ^{said} seventeenth day of August the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting

of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the first
Thursday of October then next, at which meeting the parties were
present, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to
consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition,
and after considering the same said Commissioners did adjudge
that the prayer of said petition should be granted so far as
regards alterations in said highway, and after adjudicating
as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the ninth
day of November then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon,
at the house of Joel S. Eaton in said Ludlow as the
time and place when and where they would meet
and proceed to locate said alterations, and the said
Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and
the time and place appointed for said location in the
same manner as the notice and publication was given
and made, and as is by law in such case made and
provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an
abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the
said ninth day of November met and proceeded to
locate said alterations as follows (viz,

Commencing at a stone monument on the left or
southerly side of the old highway and running South
fifty two & a quarter degrees West thirteen rods & eleven
links to a stone monument standing southerly of the
dwelling house of the late Noah Frost deceased;
then South fifty seven degrees West one & a half rods
to a stone monument; then South seventy seven degrees
West thirteen rods to a stone monument; then
South eighty & a half degrees West seven rods to a stone
monument; then South eighty nine & a half degrees
West six & a half rods to a stone monument near
the Higher Brook; then crossing said brook North
seventy seven & a half degrees West six & a half
rods to a stone monument; then North sixty one
& a half degrees West four rods & eight links to the
northeasterly corner of said Eaton's dwelling house;
then North eighty three & three fourths degrees
West four rods to a stone monument; then South
sixty one degrees West four rods to a stone monument;
then South forty eight & three quarter degrees West
fifty six rods & eighteen links to a white Oak tree

on land of Martha Ann Frost: then South fifty six & three quarter degrees West twenty five rods to a Stone monument; then South fifty four & three quarter degrees West eight rods to the Chicopee town line, then on the same course thirty one rods & six links to a Stone monument: said Highway as altered is located three rods wide and the lines run on the southerly side thereof.

The following directions will be required to be observed in constructing that part of said Highway which lies in said Sudbury.

A bridge must be constructed over said brook, the abutment walls for the superstructure to be of Stone well laid not less than four & a half feet at the base and three feet at the top, twenty two feet in length and fourteen feet distant from each other in the clear with wings sufficient to protect the same: The height of the same to be sufficient to place the flooring of said bridge at least six feet higher than the present bridge over said stream near said Eaton's mills; The superstructure of said bridge to be of good white Oak or Chestnut timber for the stringers with a substantial railing not less than seventeen feet from one side to the other in the clear, the floor to be of Chestnut or Oak plank three inches thick.

The Hill East of said brook to be so graded by excavations & embankments, that it shall be uniform in the travelled path from a point six feet East of the site of said bridge to the summit; and when completed so that the same shall not exceed four & three fourth degrees. — The travelled path is to be constructed from the summit of said Hill to a point below the dwelling house of M^{rs} Frost as near the southerly side of the location as may be reasonably practicable at a point opposite the Oak tree mentioned above, a cutting of three feet will be required in the travelled path, and in all other places sudden elevations must be cut down and similar depressions filled so as to render the grade as near uniform as practicable.

All necessary sluices are to be constructed of Stone and to be covered with at least six inches of earth. From the commencement of the location to the point

eight rods westerly of said Catons dwelling house the travel-
led path is to be constructed at least sixteen feet and the
road at least twenty feet in width exclusive of ditches
and after being worked all sandy portions are to be
covered with some good hardening material to the depth
of at least six inches preserving the grade as above
directed. — All the materials used in the construction
of said road bridge & sluices must be well adapted to
the purpose and all the work must be done in a sub-
stantial thorough & workmanlike manner and to
the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before
the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred
and fifty four.

The removal of wood timber & trees are allowed until
the first day of April next to remove the same from
said location.

The following directions will be observed in constructing
that portion of the road which is located in the town
of Cheshire. — The travelled path is to be turpined
so as to be at least twenty feet in width exclusive
of ditches, all sandy portions hardened and the
grade the entire length to be made as nearly uniform
as practicable and to be completed to the acceptance of
the County Commissioners on or before the first day of
July 1854. After having made said location the
said Commissioners proceeded to estimate the damages
occasioned thereby as follows: viz.

To Martha Ann Post One Hundred & five dollars	105.00
" Anna Post Widow & the heirs of Noah Post	
Twenty five dollars	25.00
	\$ 130.00

John S. Catons releases all claim to damages occasion-
ed by said location, and no other person or corporation
appeared to claim any damages & none other are sus-
tained in the judgment of said Commissioners.

Melvin Copeland Esq. one of the County Commissioners
being unable to attend the meeting for locating
said alterations notice was given by the other
members of the Board to Lucius F. Newton Esq. one
of the Special Commissioners who appeared and

acted in his stead
Nov 9th 1852.

N. J. Leonard } County
Wm. V. Lefranc } Commissioners
Lucius R. Newton Special Commr.

which report being read and considered is accepted and
the road established as for a public highway

Selectmen of West
Springfield Pet for
Alter of Highway

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire
Your petitioners the Selectmen of West Springfield consider that
the public necessity and convenience requires that the Rail
Road Crossings near the dwelling house of John D. Smith, and
the rock section, also the inconvenient hill at the bridge
should be avoided. — We therefore desire that alterations
and improvements may be made on the road leading from
Westfield to Springfield, commencing at the Mile Stone,
sixteen rods west of the crossing at John D. Smiths, and
passing under said Rail Road, and going in a northeasterly
easterly direction to the top of the hill near the school house,
and from thence in the most convenient course that will
intersect the road at or near Oliver Sibleys and that your
Honorable Board would subject the Western Rail Road
Corporation to the whole expense of building said road,
and making the alterations and improvements

West Springfield June 14th 1852

Daniel G. White

J. W. Freedland

Samuel Smith

J. O. Mosely

William T. Bond

Selectmen
of
West Springfield

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County
Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of
June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty two,
at which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the
premises expedient and proper give notice that they ^{would} meet
for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of John D. Smith
in West Springfield on Thursday the fifth day of August next
at nine o'clock A.M.; and it is ordered by the County Com-
missioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff
of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of
West Springfield in said County, and upon the Western Rail
Road Corporation, thirty days at least, before the said fifth

day of August and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that Copies of said Petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of West Springfield fourteen days before said fifth day of August and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows.

Hampden Co. June 30. 1852 — In obedience to the foregoing petition I this day notified the Town Clerk of West Springfield & the Superintendent of the Western rail Road Corporation by giving in hands an attested Copy of this petition and order thereon, and also posting in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance thereof.

Justin Wilson Sheriff.

Now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty two. —

On the petition of the Selectmen of West Springfield then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the public necessity & convenience requires that the rail road crossings near the dwelling house of John D. Smith and the rock Section, also the inconvenient hill at the bridge should be avoided & desiring that alterations and improvements may be made on the road leading from Westfield to Springfield commencing at the mile

Stone sixteen rods West of the Crossing at John D Smiths and passing under said rail road and going in a Northwesterly & Easterly direction to the top of the hill near the school house and from thence in the most convenient course that will intersect the road at or near Alvin Sillips & that the board would subject the Western Rail Road Corporation to the whole expense as by said petition or file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday, the fifth day of August then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of John D Smith in West Springfield as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of West Springfield, being the town within which such alterations are prayed for, and upon the Western Rail Road Corporation, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was held, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view, — And on the said fifth day of August the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view; and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that,

The petition not containing the necessary allegations and the proper preliminary steps, not having been taken by the petitioners the prayer of the petition should not be granted.

N. J. Leonard } County
Wm. O. Jefferson } Commissioners
Melvin Copeland }

where report being read and considered is accepted,
and the petition dismissed.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
The undersigned respectfully request that you will alter
the lay of the road leading from Collins depot to the new
bridge across the Chicopee River, from twenty feet in
width to sixteen feet in width at that point where
said road crosses the rail road near said depot
Waltham Oct 8. 1852

Arthur H. Bapst put
for alteration of highway
in Waltham

L. B. Bliss & another

The foregoing petition was introduced at a meeting of
the County Commissioners held for said County on
the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and fifty two.

At which meeting the Commissioners, not being requested
to view, and a view not being deemed expedient, gave
notice that they would meet for the purpose of a hearing
upon said petition at the Court House in Springfield
on the sixteenth day of November next, at nine o'clock
A.M. and it is ordered by the County Commissioners
that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff
of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town
of Waltham in said County, thirty days, at least, before
the said sixteenth day of November, and that all other
persons and Corporations interested therein be notified, by
publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon,
in the Post, a public newspaper printed in said County,
three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen
days at least before the time of said hearing: And it was
further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said
petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and
this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two
public places in the town of Waltham fourteen days
before said sixteenth day of November, and that notice
be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations
interested, that the County Commissioners will act upon
said petition at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to this meeting
and the Sheriff of said County renders his return
as follows:—

Hampden Co. Oct 12 1852 — In obedience to the foregoing petition I this day notified the town clerk of Wilbraham by giving in hand an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, also posting in two places abstracts containing the substance thereof.

Justice Wilson Sheriff
and now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows. —

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty two

On the petition of L. B. Bliss & another then presented to said Commissioners; Requesting the County Commissioners to alter the lay of the road from Collins Depot to the new bridge across the Chicopee river from twenty feet in width to sixteen feet in width, at that point where said road crosses the rail road near said Depot as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners not being requested to view, and not deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday the sixteenth day of November then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Court House in Springfield as the time and place for hearing said petition, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the Town of Wilbraham, being the town within which such attention is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said hearing, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Post or newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said hearing, and before said hearing was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for said hearing.

And on the said sixteenth day of November the Commissioners

met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to hear
the parties and having heard the parties, said Commissioners
then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer
of said petition: and after considering the same, said
Commissioners did then and there adjudge that
common convenience and necessity require, that the
prayer of said petition so far as regards that part of
said highway which passes under the Rail Road track
be granted and that the travel path shall not be
required to be of any greater width than the mason
work already constructed allows. Melvin Copeland
Esq one of the County Commissioners being unable to
attend Notice was given to Lucius F. Newton Esq one of
the Special Commissioners who appeared and acted
in his stead & Eliza Bates Esq being one of the
Commonwealth and unable to attend, no one
appearing to Object William V. Sepsions Esq acted
as a member of the Board though resident in
said town

N. J. Leonard } County
Wm V Sepsions } Commissioners
Lucius F. Newton Special Comm.

which report being read and considered is accepted
and the alteration established.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
Your petitioners would request that the order issued
on the petition of Rich^d Bagg & others with regard to the
construction of the Culvert at Ashleys brook may be
Altered, West Springfield Oct 8th 1852

Daniel G. White pat
for alteration of order
in Constrⁿ of Culvert in
West Springfield

Daniel G. White

The foregoing petition was entered at a Meeting of the
County Commissioners held for said County on the first
Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred
and fifty two; At which meeting the County Commissioners
not being requested to view the premises, and a view
not being deemed expedient; gave notice that they would
meet for the purpose of a hearing upon said petition, at
the Court House in Springfield on Tuesday the sixteenth day
of November next at nine o'clock A.M. and it is ordered by the

County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of West Springfield in said County, thirty days, at least, before the said sixteenth day of November and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said hearing, and it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of West Springfield fourteen days before said sixteenth day of November, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners will act upon said petition at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. And the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows.

Hampden Co. Octo 16. 1852 — In obedience to the foregoing petition I this day notified the Town Clerk by giving in hand an attested copy of the petition and order thereon, and also posting in two public places abstracts containing the substance thereof.

Justin Wilson Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty two.

On the petition of Daniel G. White, then presented to said Commissioners, requesting that the order issued on the petition of Richard Bagg Jr. and others with regard to the construction of the culvert at Ashby brook may be altered as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners not deeming a view of the premises expedient and not being requested to view, appointed Tuesday, the sixteenth day of November then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Court House in Springfield as the time and place for hearing

said petition, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the
Clerk of the town of West Springfield, being the town within which
said alteration is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time
appointed for said hearing: and also caused abstracts of said petition,
containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in
said town: and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing
a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in
the Republican or newspaper published in said County, said
petition and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen
days at least before the time appointed for said hearing, and
before said hearing was had, said Commissioners gave notice in
like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to
all persons interested of the time and place for said hearing.
And on the said sixteenth day of November the Commissioners
met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to hear
said petition, and having heard the same, the further
consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting
of the Commissioners held at Springfield aforesaid, on the
fourth Monday of December then next, at which meeting
the facts were further heard and after the hearing, said
Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the
prayer of said petition, and after considering the same,
said Commissioners did adjudge that the covering of said
Culvert may be of plank resting upon Sleepers, the abutment
walls to be not less than thirteen feet a part and not less
than four feet thick at the base, and two & a half feet
at the top, and timbers to be laid upon the same as a
support for the Sleepers, and all the materials used will
be required to be of good quality and well adapted to the purposes
for which the same are used.

Melvin Copeland Esq. being unable to attend, notice
was given by the other members of the Board to Lucius P.
Newton Esq. one of the Special Commissioners, who appeared
and acted in his stead.

Dec 28. 1852

N. J. Leonard } County
Wm. V. Tappan } Commissioners
Lucius P. Newton Special Comm.

which report being read and considered is accepted
and the Alteration established

Jesse Miller put
for collection of high
way in Ludlow.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
Your petitioners would respectfully request your board to
make alterations in the order for a road lying in Ludlow between
the new bridge near Collins Depot and the old bridge, which
in duty bound will now pass

Ludlow Nov. 16. 1852.

Jesse Miller

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County
Commissioners held for said County on the first Sunday of
October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty two.
At which meeting the County Commissioners, not being requested
to view the premises and a view not being deemed expedient, gave
notice that they would meet for the purpose of a hearing upon
said petition at the Court House in Springfield on Tuesday the
twenty eighth day of December next, at nine o'clock A.M.
and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said
petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy,
upon the Clerk of the town of Ludlow in said County, thirty days
at least, before the said twenty eighth day of December and
that all other persons and corporations interested therein be
notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order
thereon, in the Hampden Post a public Newspaper printed in
said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be
fourteen days at least before the time of said hearing:— And
it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said
petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this
order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public
places in the town of Ludlow, fourteen days before said twenty
eighth day of December, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid
to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Com-
missioners will act upon said petition, at the time and place
aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to this meeting. and
the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows.

Hampden Co. Nov. 26. 1852 — In obedience to the foregoing
petition I this day notified the Town Clerk of Ludlow by
giving in hand an attested copy of this petition and order
thereon

Justin Wilson Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as
follows—

Commissioners of the County of Hampden

Hampden Co. — At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty two.

On the petition of Jesse Miller, then presented to said Commissioners, requesting said Commissioners to make alterations in the order for a road lying in Ludlow between the new Bridge near Collins Depot and the old Bridge as by said petition in file will appear. —

The Commissioners not being requested to view and not deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the twenty eighth day of December then next, and more or less in forenoon at the Court House in Springfield, as the time and place for hearing the ^{said} petition, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Ludlow, being the town within which such alterations are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said hearing, and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town, and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Post a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been forty-two days at least before the time appointed for said hearing; and before said hearing was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition to all persons interested, of the time and place for said hearing.

And on the said twenty eighth day of December the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, the same being the regular meeting of the Commissioners held at Springfield aforesaid, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same said Commissioners did adjudge that the road mentioned in said petition be so amended that the hills therein after mentioned shall be brought to the following grade: *viz.* That near Collins Depot to four & a quarter degrees. — That in Moses Miller's lot, three & a quarter degrees, and the long hill by the old Bridge four

and a half degrees; and that the order also be modified so as not to require the Centre of the travelled path to be the Centre of location. — Melvin Cepuland Esq. one of the County Commissioners being unable to attend said meeting Notice was given by the other members of the Board to Lucius F. Newton Esq. one of the Special Commissioners who appeared and acted in his stead
Dec 28. 1852

N. J. Leonard } County
Wm. B. Leprieux } Commissioners
Lucius F. Newton } Special Comm.

Which report being being read and considered is accepted and the alterations established.

Oren Sage & wife
Pet for a jury
to Estimate Damages
No 28

To the Hon County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire.

Respectfully represents Oren Sage of Ware in the County of Hampshire, that the Selectmen of Ruffell within one year last past, have laid out two roads leading from the turnpike East of Allen Browson in said Ruffell to the road leading to Ruffell Depot across land belonging to him and his wife Ruth P. Sage situated in said town of Ruffell, and said town has proceeded to construct the same, your petitioner is aggrieved by the proceedings of said town in as much as the Selectmen did not allow adequate damages for the land taken by them and for fencing the same, and asks for a jury to determine what compensation he shall have by the laying out of said roads
Ware Nov. 15. 1852
Oren Sage for himself and wife Ruth P. Sage.

The foregoing Petition was Entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners held in Springfield within and for said County on the first Tuesday of October 1852 and by agreement on the 16th day of November 1852 — upon the petition aforesaid it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a Copy of said Petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Ruffell in said County thirty days at least before the next meeting of the Commissioners to be

held at said Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of December next and that all other persons & Corporations interested therein, be notified by publishing a copy of said petition & of this order thereon in the Hampshire Post three weeks successively the last publication to be fourteen days at least before next fourth Tuesday of December that they may then and there show cause why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

And this petition was continued to this meeting - and now the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows.

Hampden Co. Nov 19. 1852 - In obedience to the foregoing petition I this day notified the town Clerk of Hampden by giving in hand an attested copy of this petition and order thereon

Justin Wilson Sheriff

and now upon the motion of the petitioner this petition was dismissed.

In the Honorable Commissioners for the County of Hampshire

We undersigned respectfully represent that the interests of the County will be promoted by giving to Mr Calvin Stubbins the present attorney Mesenger the Charge of the entire Court House building

Wm Rice & others

The foregoing petition was presented and taken up at this meeting, and the prayer of the petitioners granted.

And Ordered that the Mesenger have the Charge of the entire Court House building from the Eleventh day of February 1853. And salary increased to four hundred dollars per Annum from that date.

Ordered that the Submission to an arbitration between the overseers of the House of Correction and John R Hixon be ratified and confirmed by the Commissioners

C. Stubbins
appointed to the
Care of the Court House

overseers of the
House of Correction &
J R Hixon, Subj. to
arbitrators

The following persons are allowed the sums set against their names in full for damages to lands by location of highways, and the Treasurer is ordered to pay the same, amounting to the sum of three hundred and sixty four dollars.

Land Damages

To Lyman Sheppard		\$ 10. 00
" Widow of Samuel Granger	} Pet of E. D. Morris	66. 00
" Heirs of do		15. 00
" Fryer Winchell	} Pet of Amelie	9. 00
" Barnes & Leo		2. 00
" James M. Kibbe	} Pet of John M. Gray	12. 00
" Jedediah Kibbe		30. 00
" Oscar Kibbe		70. 00
" Daniel Sophronia Ashley	} Pet of Reuben Belmont	75. 00
damages from raising highway		
" Achak Quincy Hixie	Pet C. A. Brown	75. 00
		\$ 344. 00

Accounts
allowed

Sundry Accounts against the County being now settled for allowance amounting to the sum of nineteen hundred and ninety five dollars twenty five cents, are allowed and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury

County
Estimates

An estimate of taxes for the County of Hampshire for the year 1853 prepared and made up by the County Commissioners for said County Dec: 28. 1852

For payment of Waverse jurors	\$ 4400 -
" Another Expense of Criminal Prosecutions	} 3. 50
" including bill for Dec: 3, C.C.P. 1852	
" Salary of Clerks for services	1400
" Sheriff, Deputies, Constables, Coroner	} 1. 80
" Messenger & Service of Precepts	
" Coroners Inquests	1100
" Support of Prisoners in jail & House of Correction	4. 400
Repair of County buildings	300
County Commissioners, Surveyors, Board of	} 2. 600
Examining Committee, Jurors &c	
Land Damages	5. 000
and various expenses	\$ 22. 500

	Amount brought forward	\$ 22.500
For County Bridges		.100
Accessions of House of Correction		.100
Books Stationery & Printing		.500
On account of County debt		2.000
Food & clothing &c for prisoners &c		.600
Chaplain		.100
Treasurer		.300
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		\$ 26.000

Hampden Sp. March 15th 1853 - Judgment is
 entered up according to reports &c and all
 matters not acted on, are ordered to be continued
 and this meeting is adjourned without day
 Attest Geo B Morris Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners
begun and holden at Springfield within and for the said
County on the second Tuesday of April being the twelfth
day of said month and by adjournment on the third day
of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hun-
-dred and fifty three

Present

Norman J. Leonard Esq. } Chairman
Melvin Copeland " } County
William V. Sessions " } Commissioners

John Stock & others
For Alterations of
Highway in Springfield

In the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
The Subscribers Inhabitants of Springfield, represent, that the
Old Bay road ought to be laid anew, and the limits
thereof properly defined and established. And that all
necessary alterations and repairs, should be ordered and
made that the public convenience requires: and that
Walnut Street in said town, from the uncertainty of its
limits and boundaries, should also be run anew, and
established, and alterations and specific repairs, should
be made along the line of the road, from State Street to
Mill River, near the dwelling house of Ezra Kimbaly or a
little easterly thereof. Also that a new Street, without
Expense of land damage, should be established, commencing
on the East side of Walnut Street, between the two dwelling
houses, of the heirs of the late Horace King deceased, and
running Easterly to Hancock Street, which would be of
public convenience and necessity: And would ask the
early attention of the Commissioners to our Prayer
June 15, 1849 John Stock & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the
County Commissioners holden for said County on the
fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred
and forty nine, at which meeting the Commissioners, viewing a
view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice
that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the
Court House in Springfield on Thursday the twenty seventh

day of September next at nine o'clock A.M. and it is ordered
by the County Commissioners that a Copy of said petition be
served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the
Clerk of the town of Springfield, in said County, thirty days
at least before the said twenty seventh day of September,
and that all other persons and corporations interested therein
be satisfied by publishing a copy of said petition and this order
thereon, in the Hampden Post, a public newspaper printed in
said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be
fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it
was further ordered by the Commissioners, that Copies of said
petition or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this
order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public
places in the town of Springfield fourteen days before said
twenty seventh day of September and that notice be given in
manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that
the County Commissioners desire a view of the premises specified
and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken
by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County
Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday
of October then next. And the Sheriff of said County
made his return as follows.

Hampden Co August 25 1849 — I served the town
Clerk of Springfield with an attested Copy of this petition
and order by giving the same to him, and also posted
up in two public places in said town an abstract
containing the substance of said petition

C Rice, Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in
writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners
of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said
County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of
our Lord eighteen hundred and forty nine.

On the petition of John Stock and Others, then
presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting
forth that public convenience requires, that the old Bay
road should be laid anew, and the limits thereof

properly defined and established, and all necessary alterations and repairs be made, and that Walnut Street in Springfield, should also be run anew and established, and alterations and repairs, should be made along the line of the road from State Street to Mill river, near the dwelling house of Ezra Kimbaly. Also that a new street should be established, commencing on the East side of Walnut Street between the two dwelling houses of the heirs of the late Horace King and running easterly to Hancock Street as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners desiring a view of the premises specified, appointed Thursday the twenty seventh day of September then next, and at 9 o'clock in the forenoon at the Court House in Springfield as the time and place for viewing the premises: and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Springfield, being the town within which such alterations and location of Roads, are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view: and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town: and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Hampshire Post, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said twenty seventh day of September, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to have the parties at the same time of said view: and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition: and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge, that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Bennett Leavitt Chairman of the board being unable from sickness to act, and William E. Barnes one of

the special Commissioners being duly notified appeared
and acted in this stand

John McElroy } County
Samuel Root } Commrs.
William E. Barnes } Special Commr.

which report being read and considered was accepted
and the alterations and relaying as specified in said
report, adjudged of common convenience and necessity,
and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting
to the meeting of said Commissioners, holden for said County
on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and fifty two.

At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be
given to all persons and Corporations interested therein,
that said Commissioners will meet at the Court House
in Springfield on Friday the twenty eighth day of May next
at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating
said alterations, by publishing an abstract of said
petition and this order thereon, in the Hampshire Post
a Public Newspaper printed in said County, three
weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen
days at least before the said twenty eighth day of
May. —

And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners,
that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve
the Clerk of the town of Springfield, with a copy of said
petition and this order, thirty days at least — and
post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in
two public places in said town of Springfield, fourteen
days at least before the said twenty eighth day of May
at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to
locate said alterations. And will hear all persons
and Corporations interested therein, who may then and
there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in
their opinion may be just and proper, by reason
of the location of said roads. — and this petition
was continued from meeting to meeting to this
meeting, and the Sheriff of said County in pursu-
—ance of said order makes his return as follows,

Hampshire ss. April 24th 1852 — In obedience
to the foregoing petition I this day notified the town

Clerk of Springfield by giving in charge an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, also posting in two public places abstracts containing the substance thereof

Justin Wilson Sheriff

no proceedings were had under this order for locating said petitioners. It is now ordered that this petition be dismissed.

Augustine Sudington
 & others Pet for a highway
 in Holyoke

In the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.
 Your petitioners Subscribers of the towns hereafter named would respectfully represent that the public convenience and wants require, that a road and Highway should be laid out and constructed, beginning at some point nearly opposite the Baptist Meeting House in the town of Holyoke, running westerly and terminating at the foot of the mountain in the vicinity of the ponds or some other point between Rufus Ponds and the town of the road near the top of the mountain west of the ponds: Your petitioners would therefore ask that your Honors would view the premises, and locate and construct said Road and Highway according to the laws in such cases made and provided, and as in duty bound we will ever pray
 Holyoke June 22 1850 Augustine Sudington & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners held for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and fifty: And upon the petition aforesaid, the County Commissioners, deeming as view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Chester Crafts in Holyoke on Tuesday the thirteenth day of August next, at nine O'clock A.M.: And it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Holyoke in said County, thirty days at least, before the said thirteenth day of August, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Hampden Freeman, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view: And it was further

ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Holyoke, fourteen days before said thirteenth day of August, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Hampden Co. July 9th 1850 — I served the town Clerk of Holyoke with an attested copy of the petition and order by leaving the same at his last usual place of abode and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition

Chas. Rice Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Fifty.

On the petition of Augustine Lorington and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the public convenience and wants require that a road and highway should be laid out and constructed at some point nearly opposite the Baptist meeting house in the town of Holyoke, running westerly and terminating at the foot of the Mountain in the vicinity of the ponds, or some other point between Rufus Paines and the turn of the road, near the top of the mountain West of the ponds, and praying the Commissioners to view the premises and locate a highway, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the thirteenth day of August then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Chester Crofts in Holyoke as the time and place for viewing

the premises: and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Holyoke, being the town within which such highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view: and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town: and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Freeman, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said thirteenth day of August the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view: and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition: and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity, do not require that the prayer of said petition be granted.

N. J. Leonard

Melvin Copeland

Wm. V. Sepins

} County Commis-
-sioners

which report being read and considered is accepted
and the petition dismissed

C. B. Rising et al
for discontinuance
of portions of roads
in Holyoke—

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
We the undersigned, Citizens of the County of Hampden, respectfully represent, that in consequence of the improvements made by the Hadley Falls Company in the town of Holyoke, some portions of the County Roads have become useless and no longer necessary for public travel: We therefore respectfully ask said Board, to discontinue so much of the County road leading from the Spring Ferry and from the Cotton Factory Building in said Holyoke as is hereafter described, to wit:—
1st So much of the road leading from the Spring Ferry to West Springfield Center by Crafts Hotel, as lies between a point opposite

the east end of the Hadley Falls Company's office and a point on said road at that end line of the July Day lot, Northwest of the Reservoir.

2.^d So much of the road leading from the Cotton Factory Building of the former Hadley Falls Company to the Brick Church in Ireland Parish, as lies between a point where the same intersect the Ferry Road above described, near the Rail Road Bridge across the upper Canal, and the South side of Dwight Street, as the same is laid down on the present Hadley Falls Company's plan of Streets.

And your petitioners further represent that the public convenience and necessity requires, the location of the following described Roads, which is asked for, that the same may be legally established as public Highways, all of which are within the town of Helyers over land owned by the Hadley Falls Company. —

1.st A Road Commencing at a point at the Northeast Corner of Mechanics Block No 1: and thence for the southerly line of the location thereof: Westward in a line parallel with and on the north side of said Block 240 feet to be located 60 feet in width, north of said line. This location covering the land included in Canal Street, on said Company's plan.

2.nd A road Commencing for the southerly and Easterly line of the location thereof at the termination of the South line of Canal Street, as above described, thence westward in a direct line with said South line of Canal Street 49 feet: thence on a curve southerly of 190 feet, radius 140 feet: thence in a direct line 293 feet Southwesterly, at a point 80 feet Easterly from the water line of the Raceway opposite said point: thence Southwesterly in a line parallel with the water line of said Raceway, and 80 feet Easterly and distant therefrom 1,000 feet to the North side of Dwight Street. To be located 60 feet in width northward and Westward of said line. This location covering the land included in Race Street on said Company's plan.

3.rd A road commencing for the Westward line of the location thereof on the Northward side of Lyman Street, as laid on said Company's plan at a point at the Southeast corner of Mechanics Block No 3: thence Northward in a direct parallel line with Mechanics Block No 4 — on the East side of said Block 400 feet

to the Northeast Corner of Mechanics Block No 1 on the South side of Canal Street, to be located 50 feet in width eastward of said line. This location covering the land included on Centre Street, on said Company's plan.

4th A road commencing for the East line of the location thereof on the North side of said Lyman Street at a point at the Southwest Corner of Mechanics Block No 3; thence in a direct line parallel with the west side of Mechanics Block No 2 1400 feet, to the Northwest Corner of Mechanics Block No 1, on the South side of Canal Street, to be located 50 feet in width west of said line. This location covering the land included in West Street on the said Company's Plan.

5th A road commencing for the Southern line of the location thereof at a point in a line with the East line of the location of Centre Street; 60 feet Southward from the Southern terminus of Centre Street; thence Westward 420 feet in a line parallel with Mechanics Block No 3; thence Northwestward on a curve of 300 feet radius about 240 feet; thence in a straight line 100 feet, to the North corner of the South abutment of the rail road bridge on the East side of Race Street; thence Northwestward in a direct line crossing the Raceway and upper Canal, at right angles with the West side of the latter, 3546 feet to the County Road leading to Crafts Hotel, to be located 60 feet in width, Northward of said line. This location covering the land included in Lyman Street, on said Company's Plan.

6th A Road commencing for the Northern line of the location thereof, on the West side of land owned by the Connecticut River Rail Road Company; thence Northwestward in a straight line parallel with Lyman Street and 700 feet distant from the South line of said Lyman Street, Southward of the same 2846 feet to Walnut Street as laid out on said Company's plan, to be located 60 feet in width Southward of said line. This location covering the land included in Dwight Street, on said Company's Plan.

7th A road commencing for the Eastern line of the location thereof at a point on the Eastern side of Race Street 288 feet Southward of the Northwest corner of the abutment of the Rail Road Bridge on the South side of Lyman Street; thence Southward on a curve of 1760 feet radius in a line parallel with the West line of the Connecticut River Rail Road Company's land to a point 23 feet Northward of the North line of Dwight Street; thence

southerly in a direct line parallel with said Rail Road Company's land to Dwight Street. Thence across Dwight Street in the same course and on the West line of said Rail Road Company's land 505 1/2 feet to the point of intersection with the North line of Crag Street, as laid down on the Hadley Falls Company's plan: to be located 60 feet in width westerly of said line. This location covering the land included in Crescent Street, on said Company's plan.

8th A road commencing for the Northern line of the location thereof, at a point 440 feet southerly of the South line of Lyman Street and 160 feet Westerly of the Water line of the Upper Canal: thence Northwesterly in a line parallel with the South line of Lyman Street, 1724 feet to the East line of Walnut Street, as laid down on said Company's plan, to be located 60 feet in width southerly of said line. This location covering the land included in Hampden Street, on said Company's plan.

9th A road commencing for the Easterly line of the location thereof, at a point on the southerly side of Lyman Street 660 feet easterly from the water line of the upper Canal: thence Southwesterly in a line parallel with the West side of said Canal 910 feet to the North side of Dwight Street. To be located 70 feet in width westerly of said line. This location covering the land included in High Street on said Company's plan, between Dwight and Lyman Streets.

10th A road commencing for the Easterly line of the location thereof, at a point on the southerly side of Lyman Street 204 feet Westerly of the West side of High Street: thence Southwesterly in a line parallel with High Street 940 feet to the southerly side of Dwight Street: to be located 60 feet in width Westerly of said line. This location covering the land included in Maple Street on said Company's plan, between Lyman and Dwight Streets.

11th A road commencing for the Easterly line of the location thereof at a point on the southerly side of Dwight Street 260 feet Westerly of the West side of Maple Street: thence southerly in a line parallel with Maple Street 165 feet to the southerly side of Prospect Street as laid down on said Company's plan. To be located 50 feet in width Westerly of said line: this location covering the land included in Chestnut Street, North of Dwight Street on said Company's plan.

12th A road commencing for the easterly line of the location thereof at a point on the northerly side of Dwight Street 240 feet westerly of the West side of Chestnut Street, thence northerly in a line parallel with Chestnut Street 1605 feet to the southern side of Prospect Street, as laid down on said Company's plan. To be located 60 feet in width westerly of said line; this location covering the land included in Elm Street, north of Dwight Street, on said Company's plan.

13th A road commencing for the easterly line of the location thereof at a point on the northerly side of Dwight Street 240 feet westerly of the west side of Elm Street, thence northerly in a line parallel with Elm Street 940 feet to the southern side of Lyman Street. To be located 50 feet in width westerly of said line; this location covering the land included in Walnut Street, on said Company's plan, between Dwight and Lyman Streets.

14th A road commencing for the westerly line of the location thereof at a point on the northerly side of Lyman Street 240 feet easterly of the East side of Chestnut Street, thence northerly in a line parallel with Chestnut Street 655 feet to the southern side of Prospect Street, as laid down on said Company's plan. To be located 40 feet in width easterly of said line; this location covering the land included in Cedar Street, on said Company's plan.

15th A road commencing for the easterly line of the location thereof at a point on the northerly side of Lyman Street 334 feet easterly of the West side of Cedar Street, thence northerly at right angles with Lyman Street, in a line parallel with Cedar Street, 655 feet to the southern side of Prospect Street, as laid down on said Company's plan. To be located 10 feet in width westerly of said line. This location covering the land included in Spruce Street, on said Company's plan.

16th A road commencing for the northern line of the location thereof at a point on the easterly side of Elm Street 390 feet northerly from the North side of Lyman Street, thence easterly at right angles with Elm Street, and in a line parallel with Lyman Street across Chestnut and Cedar Streets 864 feet to the West side of Spruce Street. To be located 40 feet in width, southerly of said line; this location covering the land included in Fountain Street, on said Company's plan.

17th A road commencing for the Western and Southern line of the location thereof at a point on the northerly side of Lyman Street 160 feet westerly of the center line of the upper Canal. Thence northerly at right angles with Lyman Street 100 feet, thence northerly westerly on a curve of 495 feet radius to the point of intersection with

the East line of Spruce Street: thence Northwesterly in a line parallel with Lyman Street 655 feet distant therefrom, 904 feet to the East side of Elm Street: thence Westerly in a direct line 325 feet to a Stone Monument on the South side of the County road in the East line of the pub. way let. To be located 60 feet in width Easterly and Westerly of said line: this location covering the land included in Prospect Street on said Company's plan.

And your petitioners request that such order would be had in the premises as the provisions of law requires

June 25. 1850

C. B. Rising

A. R. Chapman

The foregoing Petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Fifty, and upon the petition aforesaid, the County Commissioners, during a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view: and if no person interested, objects notwithstanding to locate, if they should deem it expedient: at the dwelling house of Marsh & White in Holyoke on Wednesday the thirty first day of July next, at nine o'clock, A.M.: and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Holyoke in said County, thirty days, at least, before the said thirty first day of July, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Hampshire Freeman a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Holyoke fourteen days before said thirty first day of July, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting

to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Hampden Co. June 29. 1850. — I served the Town Clerk of Holyoke with an attested Copy of this Petition and order by leaving the same at his last and usual place of abode, and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said Petition.

C. Rice, Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred & Fifty.

On the petition of C. B. Rising & another then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that, in consequence of the improvements made by the Hadley Falls Company in the Town of Holyoke some portions of the County roads have become useless and no longer necessary for public travel & praying the Board to discontinue so much of the County road leading from the Swing Ferry, and from the Cotton Factory Building in said Holyoke as is hereafter described to wit,

1st So much of the road leading from the Swing Ferry to West Springfield Centre by Crafts Hotel as lies between a point opposite the East end of the Hadley Falls Company's office and a point on said road at the East line of the Jobe Day lot Northwestly of the Reservoir.

2^d So much of the Road leading from the Cotton Factory Building of the former Hadley Falls Company to the Brick Church in Ireland Parish, as lies between a point where the same intersected the Ferry road above described, near the Bird Road bridge across the upper Canal and the South side of Dwight Street as the same is laid down on the present Hadley Falls Company's plan of Streets — And your petitioners

further represent that the public convenience and necessity requires the location of the following described roads which are asked for that the same may be legally established as public highways, all of which are within the Town of Holyoke, on land owned by the Hadley Falls Company.

1st A road commencing at a point at the northeast corner of Mechanics Block No 1 - and thence for the southerly line of the location thereof westerly in a line parallel with, and on the north side of said Block 240 feet to be located 60 feet in width, North of said line. - This location covering the land included in Canal Street on said Company's plan. -

2^d A road commencing for the southerly and Easterly line of the location thereof, at the termination of the South line of Canal Street as above described; thence Westerly in a direct line with said South line of Canal Street 49 feet; thence on a Curve southerly of 190 feet radius, 140 feet; thence in a direct line 293 feet Southwesterly at a point 80 feet Easterly from the water line of the race way opposite said point; thence South Westerly in a line parallel with the water line of said Race Way and 80 feet Easterly and distant therefrom 1000 feet to the North side of Dwyer Street. To be located 60 feet in width northerly & westerly of said line. - This location covering the land included in Race Street on said Company's plan.

3^d A road commencing for the Westerly line of the location thereof on the northerly side of Lyman Street at said on said Company's plan at a point at the South East corner of Mechanics Block No 4 - on the East side of said Block 400 feet to the North East corner of Mechanics Block No 1 - on the South side of Canal Street. To be located 50 feet in width Easterly of said line: This location covering the land included in Centre Street, on said Company's plan.

4th A road commencing for the East line of the location thereof, on the North side of said Lyman Street at a point at the Southwest corner of Mechanics

Block No 3. — thence in a direct line parallel with the west side of Mechanics Block No 2 — 400 feet to the northwest corner of Mechanics Block No 1. — on the south side of Canal Street: To be located 50 feet in width west of said line. — This location covering the land included in West Street, on said Company's plan.

5th A road Commencing for the Southern line of the location thereof at a point in a line with the East line of the location of Centre Street, 60 feet South of the Southern terminus of Centre Street: then Westwardly 420 feet in a line parallel with Mechanics Block No 3. — then North Westwardly on a Curve of 300 feet radius about 240 feet, thence in a straight line 100 feet to the North corner of the South abutment of the Rail Road Bridge on the East side of Race Street, thence North Westwardly in a direct line crossing the Race way and upper Canal at right angles with the west side of the latter 3,546 feet to the County road leading to Crafts Hotel — To be located 60 feet in width Northwardly of said line: This location covering the land included in Lyman Street on said Company's plan.

6th A road Commencing for the northern line of the location thereof: on the West side of land owned by the Connecticut River Rail Road Company, thence North Westwardly in a straight line parallel with Lyman Street and 400 feet distant, from the South line of said Lyman Street, Southwardly of the same 2,846 feet to Walnut Street as laid out on said Company's plan: To be located 60 feet in width Southwardly of said line.

This location covering the land included in Dwight Street on said Company's plan.

7th A road Commencing at the Eastern line of the location thereof, at a point on the Eastern side of Race Street 288 feet Southwardly of the North East corner of the abutment of the Rail Road Bridge on the South side of Lyman Street, thence Southwardly on a Curve of 1760 feet radius, in a line parallel with the West line of the Connecticut River Rail Road Company's land to a point 23 feet Northwardly of the Dwight Street: thence Southwardly

in a direct line parallel with said Rail Road Company's land to Dwight Street; thence across Dwight Street in the same course and on the west line of said Rail Road Company's land 505 1/2 feet to the point of intersection with the north line of Croft Street, as laid down on the Hadley Falls Company's plan: To be located 60 feet in width westerly of said line. — This location covering the land included in Crescent Street on said Company's plan.

8th A road commencing for the northern line of the location thereof at a point 440 feet southerly of the South line of Lyman Street and 160 feet westerly of the Water line of the upper canal thence Northwesterly in a line parallel with the South line of Lyman Street 1724 feet to the East line of Walnut Street, as laid as laid down on said Company's Plan. To be located 60 feet in width southerly of said line. — This location covering the land included in Hampshire Street, on said Company's plan.

9th A road commencing for the Easterly line of the location thereof at a point on the southerly side of Lyman Street 660 feet westerly from the Water Line of the upper canal; thence Southwesterly in a line parallel with the West side of said canal 940 feet to the North side of Dwight Street: To be located 70 feet in width westerly of said line. — This location covering the land included in High Street, on said Company's plan between Dwight and Lyman Streets. —

10th A road commencing for the Easterly line of the location thereof at a point on the southerly side of Lyman Street 204 feet westerly of the west side of High Street; thence Southwesterly in a line parallel with High Street 940 feet to the Northerly side of Dwight Street: To be located 60 feet in width westerly of said line. This location covering the land in Maple Street, on said Company's plan between Lyman & Dwight Streets. —

11th A road commencing for the Easterly line of the location thereof, at a point on the Northerly side of Dwight

Street 260 feet Westwardly of the West side of Maple Street: Thence Northwardly in a line parallel with Maple Street 1055 feet to the Southwardly side of Prospect Street as laid down on said Company's plan: To be located 50 feet in width Westwardly of said line: This location covering the land included in Chestnut Street, North of Dwight Street on said Company's plan.

12th A road commencing for the Easterly line of the location thereof at a point on the Northwardly side of Dwight Street 260 feet Westwardly of the West side of Chestnut Street: Thence Northwardly in a line parallel with Chestnut Street 1655 feet to the Southwardly side of Prospect Street as laid down on said Company's plan: To be located 60 feet in width Westwardly of said line: This location covering the land included in Elm Street, North of Dwight Street, on said Company's plan.

13th A road commencing on the Easterly line of the location thereof at a point on the Northwardly side of Dwight Street 260 feet Westwardly of the West side of Elm Street: Thence Northwardly in a line parallel with Elm Street 940 feet to the Southwardly side of Lyman Street: To be located 50 feet in width Westwardly of said line: This location covering the land included in Walnut Street, on said Company's plan between Dwight and Lyman Street.

14th A new road commencing for the Easterly line of the location thereof at a point on the Northwardly side of Lyman Street 260 feet Easterly of the East side of Chestnut Street: Thence Northwardly in a line parallel with Chestnut Street 655 feet to the Southwardly side of Prospect Street as laid down on said Company's plan: To be located 40 feet in width Easterly of said line: This location covering the land included in Cedar Street on said Company's plan.

15th A road commencing for the Easterly line of the location thereof at a point on the Northwardly side of Lyman Street 224 feet Easterly of the West side of Cedar Street: Thence Northwardly at right angles with Lyman Street in a line parallel with Cedar Street 655 feet to the Southwardly side of Prospect Street as laid down on said Company's plan: To be located 40 feet in width, Westwardly of said line: This location covering the land included in Spruce Street on said Company's plan.

Plan:

16th A road commencing for the Northern line of the location thereof at a point on the Eastern side of Elm Street 390 feet Northerly from the North side of Lyman Street — then Easterly at right angles with Elm Street and in a line parallel with Lyman Street, across Chestnut and Cedar Streets 864 feet to the west side of Spruce Street — To be located 40 feet in width Southerly of said line — This location covering the land included in Fountain Street on said Company's plan.

17th A road commencing for the Western & Southern line of the location thereof, at a point on the Northerly side of Lyman Street 160 feet Westerly of the West line of the upper Canal; thence Northerly at right angles with Lyman Street 160 feet; thence North westerly on a Curve of 495 feet radius to the point of intersection with the East line of Spruce Street; thence Northwesterly in a line parallel with Lyman Street 655 feet distant therefrom 904 feet to the East side of Elm Street; thence Westerly in a direct line 325 feet to a Stone Monument on the South side of the County road, on the East line of the Sub Dwy lot. — To be located 60 feet in width, Easterly and Northerly of said line — This location covering the land included in Prospect Street on said Company's Plan. — as by said petition on file will appear

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday, the thirty first day of July then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Marsh & White in Holyoke as the time and place for viewing the premises; and locating if no person objects and the Commissioners deem it expedient; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Holyoke, being the town within which such discontinuance and location are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Hampshire Freeman, a newspaper published in said County,

said posting and the last publication of said Copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said thirty first day of July the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view: and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition: and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that, common convenience and necessity: do not require that the prayer of said petition should be granted.

N. J. Leonard } County
Melvin Copeland } Commissioners
Wm V. Sepien }

which report being read and considered is accepted
and the petition dismissed

North Wolcott & others
Pet for a highway
in Holyoke

In the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire
The undersigned Citizens of said County respectfully
represent that the public convenience and interest
require a New Highway to be laid out and made
from a certain point in the town of Holyoke, between
the houses of John Ashley and Allen Wolcott, and to
run from thence to meet and intersect with the main
road leading from Springfield to Northampton at some
convenient point between the house of Rufus Ely,
and the Brick Church in said Holyoke.

The petitioners therefore pray that such proceedings
may be had in the premises and such orders may
be passed by your Honorable Board as shall secure
to them the construction of said Road

Sept 1850

North Wolcott & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of
the County Commissioners holden for said County

on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty. — At which meeting the Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Noah Wolcott in Holyoke on Friday the twenty second day of November next at nine o'clock A.M. and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the Town of Holyoke, in said County, thirty days, at least, before the said twenty second day of November, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Hampshire Freeman, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Holyoke, fourteen days before said twenty second day of November, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid, to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting, to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty two.

And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows: Hampshire Oct 19 1850

I served the town Clerk of Holyoke with an attested copy of this petition and order by leaving the same at his last and usual place of abode; and also posted up in two public places in said town an abstract containing the substance of said petition more than 14 days before the time of said meeting

C Rice, Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report

in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and fifty.

On the petition of Noah Wolcott & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that, the public convenience and interests require a new highway to be laid out and made from a certain point in the town of Holyoke between the houses of John Ashby and Allen Wolcott, and to run from thence to meet and intersect with the main road leading from Springfield to Northampton at some convenient point between the house of Rufus Ely and the Brick Church in said Holyoke, and praying that such proceedings may be had in the premises as shall secure the construction of said Road, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises expeditiously, appointed Friday the twenty second day of November then next; and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Noah Wolcott in Holyoke, as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Holyoke, being the town within which said road is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Freeman a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy, having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view, and on the said twenty second day of November the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same,

the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said View: and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said Petitioners and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that Common Convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said Petition be granted.

N. J. Leonard } County
Melvin Copeland } Commissioners
Wm. V. Gephart }

which report being read and considered was accepted and the road prayed for, adjudged of Common Convenience and necessity.

At which meeting the Commissioners ordered, that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of Allen Wolcott in Holyoke on Tuesday the twenty ninth day of March next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said Highway by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Hampshire Freeman a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty ninth day of March.

And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of Holyoke, with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Holyoke, fourteen days at least before the said twenty ninth day of March, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said Highway. — And will hear all persons and Corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said Road.

And this petition was continued to that meeting and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows.

Hampden Co February 15. 1853

In obedience to the foregoing petition I this day notified the town clerk of Holyoke by giving in hand an attested copy of the petition and order thereon, and also posting in two places abstracts containing the substance thereof

Justin Wilson Sheriff
and now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden Co

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty.

On the petition of Noah Wolcott & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the public convenience and interest require a new highway to be laid out and made from a certain point in the town of Holyoke between the houses of John Ashley and Allen Wolcott and to run from thence to meet and intersect with the main road leading from Springfield to Northampton at some convenient point between the house of Rufus Ely and the Brick Church in said Holyoke, and praying that such proceedings may be had in the premises and such orders might be passed by said Commissioners as should secure to the petitioners the construction of said road, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises specified, appointed Friday the twenty second day of November then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Allen Wolcott in Holyoke, as the time and place for viewing the premises: and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Holyoke, being the town within which such Highway is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view: and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town: and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Hampden Freeman a newspaper

published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said Copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was held, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing Notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said twenty second day of November the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred from time to time, till the regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year eighteen hundred and fifty two; at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same said Commissioners did adjudge that, the common convenience and necessity requires that the prayer of said petition should be granted.

And after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the twenty ninth day of March their next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Allen Wolcott in said Holyoke as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate said highway, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for said location in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view, (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said twenty ninth day of March met and proceeded to locate said highway.

Commencing at a stone in the northerly line of the highway Easterly of John Ashley's house, and running the left hand or northerly line of said location, North, thirty six and five sixth degrees East, ten rods on land of said Ashley to a stone: thence northerly twenty seven degrees and thirty five minutes East thirty nine

rods on said Ashleys land to a stone: then North
 fifty three degrees East forty rods on said Ashleys land
 to a stone standing in the road leading from Rock Valley
 to Cabotville: then North, seventy three and a half degrees
 East, thirty one rods across said road, and on land of
 Allen Wolcott to a stone: then North eighty seven &
 a half degrees East, seventy eight rods on land of
 said Wolcott to, and across the Back street road, and
 on land of Abraham Joes Jr to a stone: then on land
 of said Joes, North eighty eight degrees & twenty five
 minutes East, nineteen rods & four links across Joes
 brook to a stone: then North fifty nine degrees and
 thirty five minutes East, four rods on land of said Joes
 to a stone: then North thirty six degrees & fifty minutes
 East, nine rods to a stone: then continuing on land
 of said Joes North, twenty four & a half degrees East,
 twenty four rods to land of Allen Wolcott: then the
 same course on land of said Wolcott, seventeen rods to
 a stone on the West side of said Joes lot: then on
 land of said Joes North, forty one & three quarters degrees
 East, ten rods and four links to a stone: then North fifty
 five degrees East, seventeen rods & thirteen links, the
 first six links on said Joes, and the remainder on land
 of said Wolcott to a stone with a hole drilled in the top:
 then on said Wolcott North thirty seven & a quarter
 degrees East, twenty four rods & ten links to a stone:
 then North twenty & a half degrees East thirty five rods
 & nine links on said Wolcott and Rodrick Norton to a
 stone: then North forty five & a half degrees East,
 sixteen rods and twenty links on land of said
 Norton to a stone near the brook: then North thirty
 two degrees & forty minutes East twelve rods to a stone,
 the first twenty links of this distance on land of
 said Norton, the remainder on land of Joseph W.
 Morgan Jr: then North twenty four degrees and fifty
 minutes East, seventeen rods partly on land of said
 Morgan, and partly on land of John S. Conklin to a
 stone: then North thirty one degrees and twenty
 five minutes East, twenty rods & nineteen links,
 partly on said Conklin and on land of William Ely to
 a stone: then on said Ely North twenty four & a half

Then North forty seven rods and five links to a Stone in Seymour
Gates Southwaly line: then on said Gates North twenty
seven degrees & forty minutes East, twenty nine rods and
seventeen links to corner of Russell Ely; then on said
Ely the same course two rods & eight links to a Stone:
then North thirty five & one sixth degrees East, forty
one rods & eleven links on land of said Russell &
Seymour Gates to a Chestnut tree: then North twenty
two & a quarter degrees East fifteen rods & two links on
land of said Gates and on land of Henry Ely to
an Oak tree: then on land of said Henry, North
fifteen & a quarter degrees East twenty seven rods to
a Stone: then North twenty three degrees & forty minutes
West thirty six rods & fifteen links on said Henry
and land formerly owned by Wm. Hitchcock:
then on heirs of said Hitchcock North thirty & a
half degrees East nine rods & two links to a Stone:
then North forty five & one sixth degrees East, nine
rods & fifteen links to a Stone: then North eighty
nine degrees & twenty five minutes East, seventeen rods
& four links to a Stone: then South eighty seven degrees
& five minutes East, twenty rods & seventeen links to a
Stone, on the Highway near the Brick Church.

And the said Commissioners direct said Highway to
be constructed after the following Specifications, viz,
All roots stumps and trees are to be grubbed and the
same together with all large Stone are to be removed
from the road bed which is to be well thrown up &
worked eighteen feet wide, exclusive of ditches. — The
ditches are to be so constructed as to furnish a free passage
for water: all soft spongy & sandy places, where specific
directions are not herein given, are to be covered with
some proper material or so mixed with some other
material as shall make a good hard road bed. —

From the top of the Hill on Allen Wolcott's land easterly
to the back Street the road bed is to be so graded that
no part thereof shall exceed three degrees. — From said
Street easterly a distance of fourteen rods, the grade
is to be made three degrees, which will require some em-
bankment. — Then for about twenty four rods, the grade
is not to exceed one fourth of a degree. — On this

distance an embankment will be required on the low ground, and an excavation of the hill, which excavation will be nearly eight feet deep on the highest point of the hill. — Then descend on a grade of two degrees for about six rods, to a point three feet above Ives Brook meadow; then crossing said meadow by an embankment three feet high.

A Bridge will be required, over Ives Brook sixteen feet wide and twelve feet between the abutments.

The abutments to be of stone two & a half feet wide at the bottom and two feet wide at the top, and three and a half feet high. — The length of the abutments to be eighteen feet with suitable wings to protect the embankment. — The sleepers for the bridge to be six by nine inches square, and placed one foot & eleven inches from centre to centre, and to be covered with two inch white Oak or Chestnut plank. —

From the Ives meadow Northwaly the grade is not to exceed two degrees at any one point, to Mayans meadow. In the Northwaly part of said Ives road let the road cross a swamp which will require an embankment of three feet in height.

At this place a bridge will be required sixteen feet in width, the walls to be placed on two inch plank ten feet long laid transverse; by making a plank bottom for the bed of the stream. — the walls two feet thick eighteen feet long, three & a half feet high, and four feet between the walls with suitable wings to protect the embankment. The channel of the brook to be so altered that the bridge abutments shall be at right angles with the transverse path. — The superstructure to be of the same description as that over Ives Brook.

Near the Easterly part of Rodrick Norton's lot and across the meadow of Joseph W. Mayan Jr, there must be an embankment at least three feet higher than the meadow, and to continue each way on that level to higher land.

A Bridge will be required in Mayans meadow of the same size, and constructed in the same manner as the bridge over Ives Brook, with the same alteration of the Channel of the brook. — A double day Bridge

will be required on the lands of John I. Conditin and Willard Ely; the main walls to be twenty feet long, six & a half feet high, three feet wide at the bottom and two feet at the top, and nine feet from inside to inside of the wall; the wings to be nine feet long six & a half feet high at the abutments, and to slope to one & a half feet high at the ends, for the purpose of sustaining the slopes of the road. — The ends of the wings to be one foot back of the line of the main walls. — The top of the bridge to be sixteen feet wide in the clear, with the same description of covering as that first mentioned, and all the other bridges to have the same description of coverings. — In the centre of the opening under the bridge, which is to conform to the line between said Conditin & Ely, a substantial fence must be constructed.

The top of the bridge is to be on a level with the road on each side, and not to interfere with the grade of the road; and the passage way under the same must be made easy and convenient, and secure from undermining by the action of water.

Between the land of Russell Ely & Seymour Gates, on & near the southerly line of said Russell's land, another double dry bridge or cattle pass will be required of the same dimensions and construction as the one before mentioned.

In Henry Ely's lot a wet & dry bridge combined will be required; the walls to be of the same dimensions as those of the dry bridge above mentioned, to be four feet apart in the clear, and covered with flat stone at least six inches in thickness, and six & a half feet long.

From Morgan's Meadow to the Hitchcock land no part of the travelled path is to exceed a grade of two & a half degrees.

The first twenty rods from the southerly line of the Hitchcock land, there will be a descending grade of one third of a degree. — then for twenty two rods there will be a descending grade of three degrees; then a true grade to the monument near the Walnut tree; — the last distance will require excavation and embankment to obtain the above

grade near the Walnut tree; a Culvert will be required two feet square in the clear - the side walls eighteen inches thick and eighteen feet long, and covered with Stone four feet long, and five inches thick. From the point near the Walnut tree to the Eastern terminus the road must be raised in the low places and properly graded. - A bridge will also be required, eighteen feet wide, the walls two feet high and one & a half feet thick and eight feet in the clear. The superstructure to be of the same description as that over Saw Brook.

All embankments and bridges to have a substantial railing. The small ends of the rails to be at least four inches in diameter. - All sudden rises in the direction of the road bed must be reduced and the centre of the road bed is to conform to the centre of location except at the angles, where the turnings are to be made as easy and gradual as practicable. - No mounds will be allowed upon the road bed, but sluices of Stone will be required at all points where they are found to be necessary, and the road is to be so constructed that the water will pass freely to the outlets.

All the materials used in the construction of the road, & its appurtenances are to be well adapted to the purpose, and all the work is to be performed in a faithful substantial and skilful manner: and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of September in the year eighteen hundred & fifty five.

The Owners of Land are allowed until the first day March next to remove their wood timber, trees and buildings therefrom.

After hearing all persons who asked to be heard upon the question of damages, the said Commissioners have proceeded to estimate the same as follows, viz,

To John Ashley, One Hundred & twenty seven dollars & fifty Cents	127. 50
" Allen Wolcott two Hundred & fifty three dollars & twenty five Cents	253. 25
" Abraham Jones Jr. One Hundred & eighty three dollars & fifty Cents	183. 50
" Joseph W. Morgan Jr. Thirty five dollars & fifty Cents	35. 50
	599. 75

hundred and fifty one. At which meeting the Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of A.M. Wheeler in Chester on Wednesday the nineteenth day of November next, at two o'clock P.M. And it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the towns of Chester & Blandford in said County, thirty days, at least, before the said nineteenth day of November. And that all other persons and Corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Standard or public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the towns of Chester & Blandford, fourteen days before said nineteenth day of November, and that Notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners desire a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty two, and the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows. —

Hampden Jr. October 18. 1851 — I served the Town Clerks of Chester and Blandford with an attested copy of this petition and order thereon by giving in Chancery attested copies and also posting in two public places abstracts containing the substance thereof

Justice Wilson Sheriff.

At which meeting — In the matter of the petition of D. Copeland & others, the said petitioners ask liberty to amend their said petition, by striking out the words Methodist Church and the word Church wherever it occurs in said petition, and substitute therefor the words "Old Quaker pike" and also by striking out of said petition the

said, "which Church stands partly in Blanford"
upon the foregoing motion the Commissioners gave notice
that they would act upon the allowance of said motion
at their adjourned meeting to be held at Springfield in
said County on the sixteenth day of November next, and
it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of
said motion be served by the Sheriff of said County
or his Deputy upon the Clerks of the towns of Chester and
Blanford in said County thirty days at least before the
said sixteenth day of November, & that all persons
& corporations interested therein, be notified by pub-
lishing a copy of said motion and this order
thereon in the Westfield Standard a public news-
paper printed in said County, three weeks suc-
cessively the last publication to be fourteen days at least
before the time of said meeting, and this petition
was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners
held in said County on the 4th Tuesday of December
in the year eighteen hundred and fifty two — And
the Sheriff of said County made his return as
follows,

Hampden Co. Oct 8. 1852 — In obedience to the
foregoing petition I this day notified the Town
Clerk of Chester by giving in hand an attested copy
of this petition and order thereon, and also posting in
two public places in said town an abstract con-
taining the substance thereof

Justin Wilson Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their
report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of
the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said
County, on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our
Lord eighteen hundred and fifty one

On the petition of (D Copeland & others), then presented
to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that
the County road leading from the Methodist Church
in Chester Village to the Centre of the town of Blanford
is in many places badly and in bad repair & requiring

the Board to view so much of said road as lies between the above mentioned Church & meeting. Board with reference to widening, straightening, grading, removing encroachments from or relaying and establishing the same as the public necessity may require, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the nineteenth day of November then next and two o'clock in the afternoon, at the house of A. M. Wheeler in Chester as the time and place for viewing the premises: and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerks of the towns of Blandford & Chester, being the towns within which such alterations and establishments are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view: and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in each of said towns: and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Standard a Newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view: And on the said nineteenth day of November the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view: and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then, determined to defer the further consideration thereof to the next regular meeting of said Commissioners established by law, and the same was from thence continued from meeting to meeting of said Commissioners to the meeting held on the first Tuesday of October Eighteen hundred & fifty two at which meeting the said petitioners asked liberty to amend their said petition by striking out the words Methodist Church, and the word Church wherever

it seems and to substitute therefor the words, "Old Turnpike"
and by striking out of said petition the words, "which Church
stands partly in Blainford" and it was thereupon ordered
by said Commissioners, that they would act upon the
allowance of said motion at their adjourned meeting held
at Springfield aforesaid on the sixteenth day of November
then next, and that all persons and Corporations inter-
ested therein, be notified thereof, by publishing a copy
of said motion and order in the Westfield Standard
a newspaper printed in said County three weeks
successively the last publication to be at least fourteen
days before the time of said meeting, and on said last
mentioned day it was ordered by said Commissioners
that said Amendment be allowed as prayed for,
after further consideration of said petition as amended
it was adjudged by said Commissioners, that the
public necessity and convenience require that said
Highway be relaid and the limits thereof be
defined and established from the Old Turnpike
aforesaid to a point near the House of Havington
Collins, and that an alteration be made therein
near the top of the Hill East of the House of James
Crockett; and that another alteration be made
therein between said Crockett near a West barn
and a point near a brook at the foot of a long hill,
And that the residue of said Highway may be
so far amended as to supersede the necessity of
any further alterations.

Melvin Copeland Esq. one of the County Commissioners
being resident in said town of Chester, Notice
was given to Eligue Bates Esq. one of the Special
Commissioners, who appeared and acted in the view
and original hearing, and to Samuel F. Newton Esq.
the other Special Commissioner who appeared and
acted upon the motions to amend and the final
hearing of the case instead of said Copeland

N. J. Leonard } County

Wm. V. Tipton } Commissioners

Eligue Bates } Special Commission

which report being read and considered was accepted
and the Highway relaid and alterations as specified

in said report, adjudged of Common convenience and necessity. — At which meeting the (County) Commissioners ordered, that Notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling-house of John Parker in Blandford on Thursday the third day of March next, at Nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said Alterations and repairs and relaying said Highway: by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the New Letter a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks succeeding the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said third day of March. —

And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerks of the towns of Blandford & Chester, with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least — and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said towns of Blandford & Chester each, fourteen days at least before the said third day of March, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said Alterations & repairs & relay said Highway. — and will hear all persons and Corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road.

And this petition was continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes this return as follows.

Hampden Co. Feby. 1. 1853

In obedience to the foregoing petition I this day notified the town Clerks of Blandford and Chester by giving in hand an attested copy of petition and order thereon, and also posting in two places in said towns abstracts containing the substance thereof
 Justin Wilson, Sheriff.

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners

of the County of Hampshire, held at Springfield, in said County,
on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen
hundred and fifty one.

On the petition of D. Copeland & others, then presented
to said Commissioners, and afterwards amended on
motion of the petitioners by leave of said Commissioners
after due notice to all parties interested and as amended
representing and setting forth that the County road
leading from the old Turnpike in Chester Village to the Centre
of the town of Blanford is in many places shilly and in bad
repair, and requesting the Commissioners to view so much
of said road as lies between the above mentioned old Turnpike
and Weston pond in Blanford, with reference to widening
straightening grading removing encroachments from, or relaying
and establishing the line of the same, as the public convenience
and necessity may require, as by said petition & motion on
file will appear. —

The Commissioners desiring a view of the premises expedient,
appointed Wednesday the nineteenth day of November then
next, and two o'clock in the afternoon, at the house
of A. M. Wheeler in Chester as the time and place for
viewing the premises: and caused a copy of said peti-
tion to be served upon the Clerks of the towns of Chester &
Blanford, being the towns within which such altera-
tions and relocation are prayed for, thirty days at least
before the time appointed for said view: and also
caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance
thereof, to be posted in two public places in each of
said towns: and also gave notice to all persons interested
by causing a copy of said petition to be published three
weeks successively in the Standard a newspaper published
in said County, said posting and the last publication of
said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time
appointed for said view: and before said view was had,
said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as
described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons
interested, of the time and place for commencing said
view. —

And on the said nineteenth day of November the
Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and
proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the

same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of December^{the next} and from meeting to meeting to the regular meeting held on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year eighteen hundred and fifty two. — At which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners — as proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said Petition, and after considering the same said Commissioners did adjudge, that the common convenience and necessity require that the said Highway be relayed and the limits thereof defined and established, from the old Turnpike aforesaid to a point near the House of Harrington Collins, and that an alteration be made therein near the top of the hill East of the House of James Crooks; and another alteration be made therein between said Crooks new or West base, and a point near a brook at the foot of a long hill, and that the residue of said Highway may be so far amended as to supersede the necessity of any further alterations.

And after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Thursday the third day of March then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of John Parks in said Blandford as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate said alterations and direct such repairs, and relay said Highway: and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for such location relocation and direction in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view, (except publishing an abstract of said Petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said third day of March met and proceeded to Relay a portion of said Highway: — Commencing at a stone set in the ground standing nine feet & eight inches Southward of another monument, the westerly line of the road from Westfield to Chester Factories; then running South, seventy nine & a quarter degrees West five rods & four links to the South Westward corner of Harvey Harrington's

Then South eighty eight & a half degrees West, four rods & fourteen links to the Southwest corner of Milton Wrights dwelling house; then South eighty nine & a quarter degrees West fifteen rods & five links to a Stone monument at Henry J Stevens door yard; then South seventy eight degrees West seven rods & five links to a Stone monument in front of said Stevens barn; then South, sixty nine & a quarter degrees West twelve rods & ten links to a small apple tree marked H; then South eighty seven degrees West, two rods to the East end of an old Stone wall on Harrington Collins South line. — The line run is on the northerly side of the highway as located a new is four rods in width: And the said Commissioners proceeded to locate the following alterations in said highway, the same being situated wholly in the town of Blandford, as also that portion of the highway herein after directed to be specifically repaired, viz, Commencing at a butternut tree marked H, standing on the southerly side of the old highway in line of Dexter Conlins land and running South, seventy one degrees West Eleven rods to a Stone monument; then South Sixty two & a half degrees West, fifteen & a half rods to a butternut tree marked H standing in line of James Crooks land: The line run is on the southerly side of the highway as located and the same is located four rods in width. The road bed must be so worked as to make a uniform grade between the angular points. —

The other alteration commences at a Stone monument a little West of Blackes brook on the southerly side of the road; then running South, eighty one degrees East, twelve rods to a Stone monument: A Bridge will be required on this course over said brook fourteen feet long and eight feet wide with abutment walls four feet above the bed of the stream; The flooring to be of hard wood plank two & a half inches thick.

The road bed from the end of the bridge westerly to be worked so that the grade shall not descend more than one half of a degree to the foot of the hill: and

on the East side of the bridge the grade to be made uniform the first twelve rods. — Then North fifty one & a half degrees East, three rods to a Stone monument, then North thirty four & a half degrees East, ten rods & fifteen links to a hard maple tree marked H, then North sixteen degrees East twenty five rods and seventeen links to an apple tree marked H, in line of the old road: — The Highway as altered is located four rods in width, and the line run for this alteration is on the Easterly side thereof. —

The following additional directions are given for working the Highway as altered, viz. The road bed is to be worked sixteen feet in width exclusive of ditches. All stones, rocks, stumps and roots must be removed from the road bed, all sandy places hardened with some suitable material to the depth of at least six inches; and all soft and spongy portions to be hardened to the depth of at least eighteen inches and the grade of the road bed to be made uniform between the angular points of that portion thereof located Easterly of said Crooks dwelling house.

The owners of land over which said alterations are made are allowed until the fifteenth day of May next to remove their wood, timber & trees therefrom.

The Centre of the road bed is to conform to the Centre of the location except at angles, where the turnings are to be made as easy and gradual as practicable. —

And the said Commissioners direct the following specific repairs viz.

The road bed at a point opposite a large rock, South Easterly of Harrington Collins house, to be raised about four feet to a level with the base of said rock and the filling to extend Easterly so that the grade may be made uniform with that west of said rock as herein after directed, until it strikes the present surface of the road bed, and from the point opposite said rock, to a point opposite the Southwest corner of said Collins house, the road bed is to be made of a uniform grade, and the lower side of the road bed to be protected by a Stone wall: so much of the hill southerly and Southwesterly of Jeter Culems house as may be necessary

is to be worked so that no part of the grade of the hill shall exceed seven degrees, and the slope towards said Culver house on the old road to be worked, so as not to exceed five degrees with a sufficient Stone Sluice across his passage way, in case it should be found necessary to conduct the water upon the northerly side of the highway at that point. —

From a point opposite a Cherry tree marked G, to a point opposite a black birch tree marked G — the road bed is to be worked so that the grade shall be uniform. —

From the Sluice near Peter Culver's bar way to a rock near his gate (a little westerly of the trees above mentioned) the road bed is to be filled so as to make the grade uniform. —

A Sluice will be required opposite a butternut tree marked S — on land of Dexter Culver.

The upper portion of the rock at the distance of one hundred & fifty feet from a mound against said Crooks garden Easterly is to be removed, and the depression in the grade of the road filled up, for the like distance of One hundred & fifty feet between the two named points; so as to render the grade within five & three fourths degrees of inclination and the entire hill East of said Crooks house, is to be so worked that no part thereof shall exceed a grade of five and three fourths degrees. —

The road bed where specific repairs are above directed is to be made eighteen feet in width exclusive of ditches, and no rocks or large Stone to be left within six inches of the surface. —

All sluices used in the construction of the road, are to be of stone and the same are to be constructed wherever necessary at the points where alterations are made as well as where specific repairs are ordered. —

All the materials used in the construction of said road are to be of the best quality, and well adapted to the purpose, and all the work is to be done in a thorough substantial and workmanlike manner and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners or of

before the first day of October.

After making such location relocation and directing such specific repairs the said Commissioners proceeded to estimate the damages occasioned thereby: and appeared to the heirs of James Morton, one hundred dollars from Dexter Bulwer & James Brooks release all claim to damages, and no other person appeared to claim, and no other person sustained any in the judgment of said Commissioners.

Melvin Copeland Esq being resident in said town of Chester, notice was given by the other members of the Board to Lucius P. Newton Esq one of the Special Commissioners who appeared and acted in his stead.

N. J. Leonard } County
Wm V. Jepson } Commissioners
L. P. Newton Special Commr

which report being read and considered was accepted and the road established as for a public highway.

Samuel A. Mosely & others Pet for highway
attaching in Wilbraham
Hampden. In the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden,
The Subscribing Subscribers of the town of Wilbraham would represent that the highway leading from Springfield through South Wilbraham and a corner of Monson to Stafford Troy so called is Shelly, and some portions of it circuitous, we therefore respectfully petition your Honorable Board to view so much of said highway as lies between the dwelling house of Francis Mc Can in South Wilbraham and Stafford line, and make such alterations as you shall think the public requires.

Wilbraham Dec 1851

Samuel A. Mosely & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty one.

At which meeting the Commissioners desiring a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Francis Mc Can in South Wilbraham on Tuesday the Eleventh day of May next, at ten o'clock A.M.: and it

is moved by the County Commissioners that a Copy of said
petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy
upon the select of the towns of Wilbraham and Monson
in said County, thirty days, at least, before the said Eleventh
day of May, and that all other persons and Corporations
interested therein be notified by publishing a Copy of
said petition and this order thereon in the Hampshire
Post a public News paper printed in said County, three
weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days
at least before the time of said view, and it is further
ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition,
or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this
order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two pub-
lic places in the towns of Wilbraham & Monson fourteen
days before said Eleventh day of May, and that notice be
given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corpora-
tions interested, that the County Commissioners deem
a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that
a view of the same will be taken by them at the
time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to
Meeting to the Meeting of the County Commissioners
haden in said County on the fourth Tuesday of June
in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred & fifty two.

And the Sheriff of said County made his return as
follows.

Hampden Co. March 29. 1852

In obedience to the
foregoing petition I this day notified the town select
of Wilbraham and Monson by giving in hands
attested Copies of the petition and orders thereon
and also posting in two places in said towns
abstracts containing the substance thereof

Justin Wilson Sheriff.

At which meeting the Commissioners made their
report in writing as follows. —

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co. — At a meeting of the County Commissioners
of the County of Hampshire, held at Springfield, in said
County, on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year
of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty one.

On the petition of Samuel A. Mosely & others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that, the Highway leading from Springfield through South Willingham, and a Corner of Monsen to Stafford Troy so called, is faulty and some portions of it are out of repair, and praying the Commissioners to view so much of said Highway as lies between the dwelling house of Francis McLean in South Willingham & Stafford line and make such alterations as the Commissioners should think the public good requires, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the Eleventh day of May then next, and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Francis McLean in Willingham as the time and place for viewing the premises: and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerks of the towns of Willingham and Monsen, being the towns ^{within} which such alterations are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view: and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in each of said towns:

And also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Hampshire Post a Newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said Copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said Eleventh day of May the Commissioners met at the time and place, appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties, at their regular meeting on the fourth Tuesday of June A.D. 1852 - when having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition: and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then

and then adjudge that Common Convenience and necessity requires that alterations be made in said Highway from a point near the house of Widow Oakley to a point near the house of Edward W. Chaffee, and from a point near the Seaside School House, to a point near the foot of the hill and near the Monroe road East of John Cuslys, and that as to the residue of said Highway, the same can with greater convenience be so amended by ordering specific repairs so as to supersede the necessity of making further alterations therein.

William V. Seftens Esq. one of the County Commissioners, being resident in said town of Wilbraham notice was given by the other members of the board to Eliza Bates Esq. one of the Special Commissioners who appeared and acted in this stand

N F Leonard } County
Melvin Copeland } Commissioner
Eliza Bates } Special Commisr.

Which report being read and considered was accepted and the alterations & repairs as specified in said report adjudged of Common Convenience & necessity.

At which meeting notice to locate was ordered but no proceedings were had under said Order, and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners helden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December eighteen hundred and fifty two.

At which meeting the Commissioners, ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners would meet at the dwelling house of John McGraw in Wilbraham on Tuesday the twenty second day of March next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said alterations and repairs; by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Republican a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively. The last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty second day of March. And it is

Further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerks of the towns of Wilbraham and Monson, with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least—and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said towns of Wilbraham & Monson fourteen days at least before the said twenty second day of March, at which time the said commissioners will proceed to locate said alterations and repairs, and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road.

And this petition was continued to this meeting.—
And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows.

Hampden Sp. February 19 1853

In obedience to the foregoing petition and order thereon I this day notified the Town Clerks in Monson & Wilbraham by giving in hand a copy of the petition and order thereon, and also posting in two places in each of said towns abstracts containing the substance thereof

Justin Wilson Sheriff—

and now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commissioners of Massachusetts

Hampden Sp.

(At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty one.)

On the petition of Samuel A. Mosely & others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the Highway leading from Springfield through South Wilbraham and a corner of Monson to Stafford Troy so called, isilly and some portions of it encroached & requesting the Commissioners to view so much of said Highway as lies between the dwelling house of Francis M. Carr in South Wilbraham & Stafford line, and make such alterations as the Commissioners should

think the public requires. — as by said petition on file
case appeared.

The Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises expedient,
appointed Tuesday the Eleventh day of May then next
next term to take in the Forenoon, at the House of Francis
Wells in said Willbrough as the time and place
for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition
to be served upon the Selects of the town of Willbrough
& Monro being the towns within which such alterations
are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time
appointed for said view: And also caused abstracts of
said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be
posted in two public places in each of said towns:
and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing
a copy of said petition to be published three weeks
successively in the Hampshire Post, a newspaper published
in said County, said posting and the last publication
of said Copy having been fourteen days at least before
the time appointed for said view: and before said
view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in
like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the
petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place
for commencing said view.

And on the said eleventh day of May the Commissioners
met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded
to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the
further consideration thereof was deferred till the next
regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield
aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of June then next:

At which meeting the parties were present, and after
the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and
adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after
considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge
that, the Common Convenience and necessity require
that alterations be made in said Highway, from a
point near the House of Widow Oakley to a point near
House of Edward W. Chaffee, and from a point near
the Seaver School House, to a point near the foot of
the Hill and near the Monro road East of John
Ormsby, and that as to the residue of said Highway,
the same can with greater convenience be so

amended by ordering specific repairs as to supersede the necessity of making further alterations therein: and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the twenty second day of March in the year eighteen hundred and fifty two; and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of John McGray in said Williamstown, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to make such alterations and direct such specific repairs: And the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication, and the time and place appointed for said location and direction in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said twenty second day of March met and proceeded to locate said alterations as follows (viz,

Commencing at a Stone on the northerly side of the present road leading from John McGrays to South Williamstown Centre; and then running on the Northerly side of the Highway as altered by this location, North fifty nine degrees & fifty minutes East sixteen rods & nineteen links on said road and land of William G. Bush to an Apple tree marked two feet from the ground; then on said Bush South forty seven degrees & forty minutes East, twenty two rods & five links; then North fifty one & three quarter degrees East, seven rods & twenty two links on land of said Bush and land of Beriah & William B. Smith to a hole drilled in a rock; then North fifty five & three quarter degrees East, twelve rods on land of said Smiths and land of Robert Sessions to a stone monument; then North fifty degrees East, eight rods to a stone; then North sixty three & a third degrees East, eight rods to a stone; then North sixty seven & a quarter degrees East, nine rods and eighteen links to a hole drilled in a rock; then North sixty & a quarter degrees East, nine rods & ten links on land of said Sessions and land belonging to the heirs of William Mosley to a stone monument; then on said Mosley heirs, North fifty nine & a half degrees East ten rods to a stone monument opposite the Easterly end of the mill yard. then North sixty

eighty and a half degrees East, thirty rods and six links to a hole
cut in a rock; then North Seventy two degrees East
fifteen rods & ten links to a stone monument on said
chain line; then on Robert Sefions land South eighty
nine degrees East, nine rods & four links to a stone;
then North eighty five degrees & five minutes East,
fifteen rods & fourteen links to a stone set in the ground;
then North seventy seven degrees & fifty five minutes
East, nine rods & ten links on land of said Sefions and
land of Scripture Sages too; then North forty seven & a half
degrees East thirty six rods & six links to a stone on
the westerly line of the present road; thus far the
highway as altered is located three rods wide, except
that part thereof which lies between the westerly line
of said Montoy heirs & their pasture that lies East of
the Old mill yard which is located thirty seven feet
wide; then South eighty & a quarter degrees East
twelve rods & twenty three links to a point bear-
ing North one degree West fifty feet from the
Northwest corner of Sumner Sefions Wooden Mill;
on this last distance the road is to widen so as
to include a point of land on the southerly side of
the Scantle river, in line with the southerly line of the
Old Race of said Mill; Easterly of the river the
road is to be fifty feet wide to the point opposite the
Mill as above mentioned.

Then running from the point bearing North one
degree West fifty feet from the said corner of said
Mill, and running on the northerly line of said
highway as altered, North eighty eight & three quarter
degrees East, fifty six rods to a stone monument;
then North eighty seven & a half degrees East, ten
rods & seven links to a stone; then North eighty
seven degrees and five minutes East, thirty nine
rods & three links to a stone bearing North twelve
degrees East four rods & twenty four links from a
stone standing three & a quarter feet northerly and
in line with the Easterly line of William B. Spelmans
Store; then North fifty four & a quarter degrees East,
three rods & fourteen links to a stone, on the Easterly
line of the road running northerly in the direction

of the dwelling house of Samuel Beale: then North eighty five & a quarter degrees East thirteen rods & nineteen links to a stone: then North eighty four degrees & thirty five minutes East, fifteen rods & fourteen links to a stone: then East eight rods & eleven links to a stone: then South eighty six degrees & five minutes East, four rods & four links to a stone: then South eighty four and three quarter degrees East, five rods & seventeen links to a stone: then South twenty eight & a half degrees East twelve rods to a stone: then South seventy three & forty minutes East, eleven rods & six links to a stone near the brook.

Then beginning the Southwesterly line of said highway as attested at a stone bearing South fourteen & three quarter degrees West, three rods from the last mentioned stone and running the Southwesterly line, North twenty five & a quarter degrees West eleven rods & thirteen links to a stone: then North twenty eight & a quarter degrees West ten rods & five links to a stone: then North eighty one & a quarter degrees West, six rods & twenty four links to a stone monument: then North eighty six & a quarter degrees West four rods & six links to a stone: then South eighty nine & three quarter degrees West eight rods & five links to a stone: then South eighty five & a quarter degrees West, one rod & nineteen links to a stone: then South seventy six & a half degrees West six rods & seven links to a stone: then South sixty four & a half degrees West, twenty six rods to a stone standing westerly of the road leading Southwesterly across the meadow: then North Seventeen degrees & fifteen minutes West six rods & twenty one links to a stone standing, three & a quarter feet northerly and in line with the Easterly side of William B. Spelman's Stone: then South eighty nine degrees West One hundred & four rods to the Northwest corner of said wooden mill.

Another alteration as located, commences at the North East corner of the barn belonging to Experience Shattuck's sister, and running in the right hand or Southwesterly line of the location, South fifty one degrees & ten minutes East six rods & twenty three links to a

Stones. The highway thus far to be three rods wide at the beginning and ten & a half rods wide at the end of the distance, by a line bearing North seventy & a half degrees East from the Stone: then continuing the location to three rods wide and running on said right hand line South twenty three & a quarter degrees East eighteen rods & nine links to a Stone on the South Easterly line of said Stebbins land: then on corner of Ebenezer Howlet, South twenty six & a half degrees East four rods & fourteen links to a Stone: then South, thirty six degrees & ten minutes East eleven rods & four links to a Stone: then South forty four degrees & ten minutes East twenty five rods to a Stone monument: then South fifty nine degrees East four rods to a Stone: then South eighty seven degrees & forty minutes East, sixteen rods and thirteen links to a Stone on Horace Powers Westerly line and five feet Southward from the North West corner of his farm: then South, eighty three degrees & fifty minutes East twenty five rods & twenty one links to a Stone, three rods Southward of said Howlet's South line: then South eighty nine & three quarters degrees East, fourteen rods & thirteen links to a Stone: then South, eighty nine & a half degrees East thirty eight rods & twenty links to a Stone: then South sixty four & a half degrees East four rods to a Stone: then South forty seven & a half degrees East twelve rods to a Stone, three rods Westward of the present travelled road: then South forty three & one third degrees East nine rods & seven links to a Stone: then South fifty nine & a half degrees East twenty one rods & eight links on the Westward side of the present road:

Then beginning at the point on the Easterly line of the Highway as altered bearing North fifty seven & a half degrees East forty nine feet from the last mentioned Stone: then running the Easterly line, South thirty three & a half degrees East seven rods & seven links, the road to widen so as to be fifty eight feet wide at the end of this

distance: then South nine degrees East forty five rods to an Elm tree in front of Oliver Goodells House: on this distance, the road is to narrow so as to be forty nine feet wide: at seven rods & fifteen links on this distance; and then to widen so as to be three rods wide at the Elm tree aforesaid.

Another Alteration begins at the Southwesterly line of a road leading in the direction of Manson & running the Easterly line of location South forty one & three quarters degrees East eleven rods to a stone: then South fifty four degrees & fifty five minutes East seventeen rods & seventeen links to a stone: then South thirty four degrees East eight rods to a stone: then South twenty three & a half degrees East sixteen rods to a stone in the Easterly line of the present road in the Southwesterly side of a bar way, this location to be three rods wide the entire length.

Another Alteration commences, about fifty rods South-Easterly of the house of John Ormsby, at a stone & thence running the westerly line of location South twenty seven degrees and fifty minutes East thirteen rods to a black Oak Stub near the top of the Hill. This ^{Alteration} ~~Location~~ is located three rods wide.

Another alteration Commences at a stone on the hill on the South Westerly line of the present road & runs another road leading in the direction of Manson: then running the South Westerly line of the Highway as altered South forty one degrees & thirty five minutes East seventeen rods to a stone near the foot of the Hill:—This portion of the Highway as altered is located four rods wide.

That portion of the Old Highway between the Southwesterly side of the road leading from the main road to the house of Nathaniel M. Chapin and the point of intersection with the new road as located near the said Wooden Mill is not to be discontinued by the Alteration above mentioned.

The Owners of land over which said Alterations are made are allowed until the first day of June next to remove their wood trees and timber therefrom.

The following directions will be observed in Constructing

the road as altered and whenever it may be specifically repaired, viz,

That part of the highway as altered from the point near the Widow Oakley place to the point near the wooden mill is to be worked so that the road bed at the top shall be at least eighteen feet wide. — All rocks, stumps, stones, roots & bushes are to be removed from the same, the stone to be placed on the lower slope in road bank walls. — Opposite the Mosely dam a cut of ten feet wide will be required in the perpendicular rock to the rock grade, and which must extend each way in the line of the road.

A bank wall will be required to widen the road at the bend of the River Scupper westward of said wooden mill — beginning at a point of Rocks near the water Southward of the large Elm stump & running Easterly on a radius of One hundred & fifty feet to a stake standing Easterly of the present bank wall, such portions of the wall as will lie on the river bed will be four & a half feet thick, and the top of the wall to be uniformly two & a half feet thick — the foundation of the wall Easterly of the river bed to be of a corresponding thickness to the height required.

The wall to be of the same height as the present one between the above wall and the present travelled path: an embankment will be required of the height of the present travelled path twenty feet Easterly of the large Elm stump.

All rock excavations is to be at least nine inches below the top of the road bed, and the gutters on the Northward side to be at least fifteen inches lower than the top of the road bed.

A dry bridge will be required at a point where it will accommodate the Owners of the Mosely Estate in the occupation of their pasture land East of the Mill privilege and where it can be constructed at the least expense and without interfering with the grade of the road.

A bridge will be required across the brook near the bend of the Map Stalkins of the same height and

two feet longer than the bridge now on the transverse road near this point. — across the lot of said Stebbins the road bed is to be at least two feet higher on an average than the present surface of the ground: across the lot of said Hewlett the top of the road bed is to be at least three feet higher than the meadow. — Near the southerly end of said Hewlett lot, the road way must be excavated so that the rise shall not exceed two degrees. — At the northwest corner of Horace Peases land the ravine must be filled so that there shall be no descent in going Easterly.

Then beginning at a point four hundred feet westerly from the monument near the top of the first hill and running Easterly four hundred feet on an ascending grade not exceeding two & a quarter degrees. — Then on a level for three hundred feet. — This distance runs across a swamp: which will require to be filled about four & a half feet, a stone bridge or sluice will be required at this place, two feet square in the clear — the foundations to be of flat stone running under both walls, the sides to be eighteen inches thick, and two feet high, and the top to be covered with flat stone at least six inches thick. — The length of the same to be thirty feet: Then from the end of the level grade running Easterly for one hundred & fifty feet, there will be an ascending grade which is not to exceed two & a quarter degrees. — Then for one hundred & fifty feet, the travelled path is to be made level. —

Then for a distance of five hundred feet the ascending grade is not to exceed one degree & a half. — Then on a level to a point opposite the monument near said Peases house, about one hundred & seventy five feet. That part of the hill northwesterly of the large elm tree opposite the house of said Goodell is to be graded so that the transverse path shall not exceed four degrees. — From near the house of Amariah Bernis to the top of the hill northwesterly of the house of John Censley the ascending grade is not to exceed three & three quarter degrees.

The first attention South Easterly of said Censleys house will be worked so that the grade of the

road bed shall not exceed three & a half degrees.

On the most southerly alteration above mentioned the hill is to be worked so that the grade of the travelled path shall not exceed three degrees.

The following specific repairs will be required viz. That part of the Hill from said Elm tree southerly is to be worked so that the grade of the travelled path shall in no part exceed four degrees, and all other hills between that Hill and the Seaside School House, which now exceed four degrees in any part thereof, shall be so worked so that the road bed shall not in any part thereof exceed that grade.

The highest point of the Hill westerly of the Adams House farm is to be reduced at least three feet and the excavation to be continued each way therefrom until the excavation runs out.

The following directions will be observed in regard to all portions of the road altered, and upon which specific repairs are to be made as above directed, viz.

The travelled path is to be so worked that the same shall be made eighteen feet in width exclusive of ditches. All soft & spongy portions of the same are to have a covering of some suitable material to the depth of at least eighteen inches; and all sandy portions are to be hardened to the depth of at least six inches; All sudden elevations being first removed therefrom. All stumps roots and large Stone must be removed therefrom. Sufficient Sluices of Stone must be constructed at all points where it is necessary to pass the water from one side of the road bed to the other except the bridge over the brook near the Stillins barn.

Good and substantial railing will be required at all points where the safety of the traveller may require it. The small ends of the rails to be not less than four inches in diameter.

That part of the Old road between the road leading to the House of Nathaniel M Chapin, and the Woodson Factory is not to be continued or discontinued by the foregoing alterations.

All the materials used in the work are to be well

adapted to the purpose and all the work is to be done in a thorough substantial and workmanlike manner and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the fifteenth day of October next.

After having made said location and direction and hearing all persons interested who desired to be heard upon the question of damages the Commissioners proceeded to estimate the same as follows viz, -

To William S. Burt	Forty nine dollars	\$49.00
" Beniah & William Smith	two dollars	2.00
" Robert Sepins	One hundred & eighty one dollars	181.00
" Heirs of William Moreley	Seventy seven dollars	77.00
" Scripture Sage & Company	One hundred & eighty two dollars	182.00
" Esplanet & Charlotte Stokris	Sixty five dollars	65.00
" Ebenezer Hawlet,	One hundred & sixty four dollars	164.00
" Horace Pease	One hundred & forty five dollars	145.00
" Marcus Gady	five dollars	5.00
" John Comsley	Fifty six dollars	56.00
		\$862.00

Strong West, Matthew H. Lane, Lucinda West & John A. West released all claim to damages occasioned by said alterations.

William V. Sepins Esq being resident in the town of Wilbabor, being the only town in which any part of the foregoing alterations were made or any specific repairs ordered & Eliza Bates Esq one of the Special Commissioners being permanently absent from the Commonwealth notice was given by the other members of the board to Lucius P. Newton Esq the other Special Commissioner who appeared and acted instead of said Sepins, and no person or Corporation appeared to object to the Board proceeding as thus constituted.

N. J. Leonard } County
Melvin Copeland } Commissioners
L. P. Newton } Special Commr

which report being read and considered is accepted and the road established as for a public highway

For the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire
The undersigned respectfully represent that the public highway ^{from the town line of Westfield near the house of Roswell King to the city of Springfield} is badly, narrow, crooked, indirect and dangerous from several Rail Road crossings; wherefore your petitioners request your honorable board to view the premises and cause the road to pass under the Rail Road near the house of John Smith to avoid the next two crossings, reduce the hills to a proper degree of ascent, and widen, straighten or new locate said road, and discontinue such parts of the highway as may be useless; or make such alterations and improvements as shall appear to your Honors necessary

Westfield June 12th 1852

David Mosely & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred & fifty two—

At which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view at the dwelling house of Roswell King in Westfield on Wednesday the fourth day of August next, at nine o'clock A.M.; and it was ordered by the County Commissioners, that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the clerks of the towns of Westfield & West Springfield in said County, and upon the Western Rail Road Corporation, thirty days, at least, before the said fourth day of August, and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Westfield News Letter a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by the said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the towns of Westfield & West Springfield fourteen days before said fourth day of August, and that notice be given in manner

wherein to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of the County Commissioners held for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year eighteen hundred and fifty two.

And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Hampden Co. July 1. 1852—

In obedience to the foregoing petition I this day notified the town Clerk of Westfield & West Springfield, & the Superintendent of the Western Rail Road Corporation by giving in hands an attested copy of the petition and order thereon and also posting in two public places in said towns abstracts containing the substance thereof.

Justin Uelton Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty two.

On the petition of David Mosley & others there presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the public Highway from the town line of Westfield near the house of Rowen King to the City of Springfield is very narrow crooked inclined & dangerous from several rail road crossings & requesting the Commissioners to view the premises & cause the road to pass under the rail road near the house of John Smith to avoid the next two East crossings, reduce the hills to a proper degree of ascent and descent, straighten or new locate said roads and discontinue such parts of the Highway as may be useless or make such alterations & improvements as shall appear necessary to said Commissioners as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Wednesday the fourth day of August then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Homer King in Westfield as the time and place for viewing the premises: and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the select of the town of West Springfield being the town within which such alterations are prayed for and upon the Western Rail road corporation thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view: and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said towns and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Westfield News Letter a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said fourth day of August the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view: and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition: and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require.

That alteration, be made in said Highway between a point near the crossing of the rail road near the rock section and the bridge which crosses over the rail road and that as to the residue of said Highway the same can be so far amended as to supersede the necessity of altering the location of the existing way

N. D. Leonard } County
Melvin Copeland } Commissioners
Wm. V. Jefferson }

Which report being read and considered was accepted

and the alterations as specified in said report against
of Common Convenience and necessity.

At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice
be given to all persons and Corporations interested therein
that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house
of John D. Smith in West Springfield on Saturday the
ninth day of April next at Nine O'clock in the forenoon
for the purpose of locating said alterations & repairs
by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order
thereon, in the Westfield Standard a public newspaper
printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last
publication to be fourteen days at least before the said ninth
day of April.

And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners,
that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, send the
Clerk of the town of West Springfield, and the Western
Rail Road Corporation with a copy of said petition and
this order, thirty days at least - and post up abstracts
containing the substance thereof in two public places in
said town of West Springfield fourteen days at least
before the said ninth day of April, at which time the said
Commissioners will proceed to locate said alterations and
repairs, and will hear all persons and Corporations interested
therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and
assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and
proper, by reason of the location of said road.

And this petition was continued to this meeting,
And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said
order makes his return as follows.

Hampden Co. March 9th 1853

In obedience to the foregoing petition I this day
notified the Town Clerk of West Springfield and the
Superintendent of the Western Rail Road Corporation
by giving in hand an attested copy of this petition
and order thereon

Justin Wilson Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report
in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners

of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty two.

On the petition of David Morley & others their presenters to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the public Highway from the town line of Westfield near the house of Rowan King to the City of Springfield is badly narrow crooked inclined and dangerous from several Rail Road Crossings, wherefore the petitioners requested to view the premises and cause the road to pass under the Rail Road near the house of John Smith, to avoid the next two East Crossings, reduce the hills to a proper degree of ascent and descent, shorten or locate new said road & discontinue such parts of the Highway as may be useless or make such alterations as shall appear necessary as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday, the fourth day of August then next and more or less in the forenoon, at the house of Rowan King in Westfield as the time and place for viewing the premises: and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of West Springfield, being the town within which such alterations are prayed for, thirty days or less before the time appointed for said view: And also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town: and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Westfield News Letter a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days or less before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had. said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing recital of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said fourth day of August the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the

regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year eighteen hundred and fifty two. — at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that, the common convenience and necessity require that alterations be made in said highway between a point near the crossing of the rail road, near the rock section and the bridge which crosses over the said road, and that as to the residue of said highway the same can be so far amended as to supersede the necessity of altering the existing way: and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Saturday the ninth day of April then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of John D. Smith in said West Springfield as the time & place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate said alterations and repairs; And the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for said location, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said ninth day of April met and proceeded to locate said alterations.

Commencing at a Stone monument on the right hand side of the old highway by land of Oliver Sibley, then running South Seven & three quarter degrees East twenty two rods to a stone monument, then South forty four degrees East, twenty nine rods & five links to a small Apple tree; then South forty three degrees East, fourteen rods & six links to a stone monument by the southerly side of the old highway the line run is on the westerly & southerly sides of the location, and the location of the highway as altered embraces all the land contained between the line run and that on the left hand or northerly side of the old highway.

The following directions will be shown in regard to the construction of the highway as altered and in regard to specific repairs,

The traveled path is to be constructed at least twenty

feet in width exclusive of ditches: — on the first course the grade is to be uniform and not to exceed two degrees; the grade of the second course is to be uniform, on the third course no part is to exceed a grade of three & one fourth degrees: on the last course a stone bridge will be required twenty feet in length, placed at right angles with the line of the road bed, the base of the walls to rest on two & a half inch plank laid transversely, and carried up three feet high and two feet thick of single wall, and these are to be surmounted by a semicircular arch of ten feet span: the ring stone of which shall be not less than fifteen inches, and no stone in the arch to be less than twelve inches, and the arch to be sufficiently protected at each end with wing walls. — The general style and workmanship is to be similar to the culvert under the Western Rail Road a few rods north of this location.

The said Commissioners also direct the following specific repairs, viz, — The road bed to be graded from the monument last mentioned to the rail road bridge, so that it shall not exceed three & a quarter degrees, and at the East end of the bridge to be filled so as not to exceed a grade of three degrees.

The Pathway Hill is to be worked, so that the grade thereof in the traveled path shall in no part thereof exceed three & one fourth degrees (unless the excavation shall strike upon a ledge, in which case it shall be brought to such grade as it can be without rock excavation,

using only the excavation obtained at the top for the filling at the bottom of the Hill) The excavation is to be made at least twenty two feet in width, and the traveled path to be at least eighteen feet in width, and to be well thrown up, and all Springs to be conducted to the ditches on the sides. — The embankment must be made at least twenty feet wide on the top and furnished with a tight board fence, on each side at least four feet high. — The fences to be at least twenty feet apart, to serve as a railing and to retain the snow, but is not to be extended further down the Hill than a barrier will be necessary for the safety of the traveller — The embankment is not to be

Extended farther west than the centre of Andrew J. Sibley's great gate, nor the excavation farther east than the centre of Ezekiel Sibley's house, and the approaches to these gates ways from the road bed to be sloped & made easy and a Stone Sluic to be constructed in front of the way to said Ezekiel's worn brook, should it be necessary in order to bring the Slope to three degrees.

From a point ten rods West of the bridge, over Brooks brook to said bridge the road bed is to be filled with good material for a hard road so that the grade shall be made uniform between these two points.

The Hill East of said brook, is to be made a uniform grade from the bridge to a point forty eight rods Easterly therefrom. The run of water towards the top of the Hill is not to be diverted from its course, but the Channel is to be cut deeper if necessary to preserve its present direction.

The Stebbins Hill West of the Brick Store near West Springfield Centre is to be worked so that the travel path shall be at least twenty feet in width exclusive of ditches, and no part thereof shall exceed a grade of three & a half degrees.

The hardening of the Hill near the school house in Mittenewage is to be extended as far East as the east side of the first house East of said school house and to be done in as thorough a manner as that portion of the Hill which has already been hardened, care must be used to leave all passage ways to the buildings at the top and foot of Stebbins Hill as unobstructed as practicable.

The flat from the termination of the Hill at the foot of the Stebbins Hill to the blacksmith Shop must be well hardened.

On the road as altered, as well as on the old road, Railing must be constructed at all steep & dangerous places; the small ends of the rails to be not less than four inches in diameter, and the posts to be sunk at least three feet below the surface of the road bed, and the road bed where no otherwise specifically mentioned is to be at least eighteen feet in width exclusive of ditches. — No mounds are to be constructed in any part thereof, but the road is to be

thence up so that the water will pass readily to the
ditches. - Sluices of Stone will be required wherever the
safety of the road bed shall seem to require it.
All the materials used must be well adapted to the
purpose. - All the work must be done in a thorough
substantial and workmanlike manner, and to the
satisfaction of the County Commissioners on or before the
first day of June in the year eighteen hundred and
fifty four.

After having made said location and given such
directions the Commissioners have proceeded to
estimate the damages occasioned thereby and have
agreed to allow Sibley Ninety one dollars - \$91.00

Melvin Copeland Esq one of the County Commis-
sioners being unable to attend said meeting for
location notice was given by the other members of
the Board to Lewis P. Newton Esq one of the Special Com-
missioners who appeared and acted in his stead

At Testimony } County
Wm V. Sepins } Commissioners
L. P. Newton Special Commis.
April 7 1853

which report being read & considered is accepted &
the road established as far a Public Highway.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire
The Subscribers, Citizens of Suddow & Chicopee respectfully
to your Honorable Board, that the turnpike leading from
the Granby New road in Suddow, to its connection with
the Colonge road in said Chicopee, is crooked, narrow, filthy
& very much out of repair, that the Public safety &
convenience require alterations between the two points:
that the Selectmen of Chicopee have been called upon
to make the alterations there prayed for, have viewed
the premises, but have declined, and unnecessarily
refused to make them: wherefore your petitioners
pray you Hon Board to view the premises & make such
alterations & improvements as in your Judgment the
Public accommodation & wants demand, and as in
duty bound we can pray.

Samuel Mills Jr & another

Samuel Mills Jr
& another Pet for
alterations in a Turn-
pike from Suddow to
Chicopee

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty two.

At which meeting, the County Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Samuel Mills jr. in Chicopee on Wednesday the eighteenth day of August next at nine o'clock A.M.: and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerks of the towns of Chicopee and Ludlow in said County, thirty days, at least, before the said eighteenth day of August, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and that order thereon, in the Chicopee Telegraph a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view.

And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the towns of Chicopee & Ludlow fourteen days before said eighteenth day of August, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued, to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty two.

And the Sheriff of said County made this return as follows.

Hampden Co July 7 1852

In obedience to the foregoing petition I this day served the town clerks of Ludlow & Chicopee by giving in hand attested copies of this petition and order thereon, I also posted in two public places an abstract containing the substance thereof

Austin Wilson Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their

report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty two.

On the petition of Samuel Mills Jr & Samuel Mills, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the turnpike, leading from the Gravelly Hill road in Suddow to its connection with the Colough road in said Chicopee is cracked, narrow, shilly and very much out of repair; that the public safety and convenience require alterations between the two points - that the Selectmen of Chicopee have been called upon to make the alterations here prayed for, have viewed the premises, but have declined and unreasonably refused to make them: and praying the Commissioners to view the premises and make such alterations as the public accommodation and wants demand as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday, the eighteenth day of August then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, as the time and place for viewing the premises: and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Chicopee, being the town within which such alterations are prayed for, thirty days or least before the time appointed for said view: and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town: And also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Chicopee Telegraph a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days or least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. — And on the

said eighteenth day of August the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the first Tuesday of October then next, and from thence to the fourth Tuesday of December then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge, that the said Selectmen of Chicopee had unreasonably refused to make alterations in said townway; William V. Sepiors Esq. being unable to attend the meeting of said Commissioners at which said view was had, notice was given by the other members of the board to Elihu Bates Esq. one of the Special Commissioners, and at the other hearing, Melvin Copeland Esq. & Elihu Bates Esq. both being unable to attend the matter was heard before Norman F. Leonard & William V. Sepiors Esq. County Commissioners & Lucius P. Norton Esq. one of the Special Commissioners with the assent of the Selectmen of said town of Chicopee who appeared then as well as at the original view.

Dec 28. 1852

N. F. Leonard	} County Commissioners
Melvin Copeland	
Wm V. Sepiors	
Elihu Bates	} Special Commissioners
L. P. Norton	

which report being read and considered was accepted and that the said Selectmen of Chicopee had unreasonably refused to make alterations in said townway; At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling-house of Samuel Mills in Chicopee on Tuesday the eighth day of March next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said alterations, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Chicopee Telegraph a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said eighth day of March.

And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners

that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of Cheshire with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Cheshire fourteen days at least before the said eighth day of March, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said Alterations: and give hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road.

And this petition was continued to this meeting and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows.

Hampden Sp. February 5. 1853

I this day served the Clerk of the town with an attested copy of the within precept by delivering said copy to him in hand, and on the 12th day of the same February I posted up abstracts of the same in two public places in said town as within directed

J Churchill Dep^t Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Sp.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty two.

On the petition of Samuel Mills & Samuel Mills then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the turnpike leading from the Grassy new road in Ludlow to its connection with the Clough road in said Cheshire is crooked, narrow, lilly and very much out of repair, that the public safety and convenience require alterations between the two points. That the Selectmen of Cheshire have been called upon to make the alterations there prayed for, have viewed the premises, but have declined and unreasonably refused to make them. And praying the

Commissioners to view the premises and make such alterations as the public accommodation and wants demand as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the eighteenth day of August then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Samuel Mills in Chicopee as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Chicopee, being the town within which such alterations are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Chicopee Telegraph a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view—

And on the said eighteenth day of August the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners held at Springfield aforesaid, on the first Tuesday of October then next; at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the said Selectmen of Chicopee had unreasonably refused to make alterations in said town way—

And after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the eighth day of March then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Samuel Mills in said Chicopee as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate said alterations; and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for said location, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made

and provided before proceeding to view (except publishing an
abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said
eightth day of March, met and proceeded to locate said
allotments and ascertain the place and course of said
line as follows, viz: * Commencing at a Stake
standing twenty links South of a stone monument on
the line between said Chesapeake and Lutton, Southwesterly
of Paullets dwelling house, and on the South side of the
present travelled road; then running West thirteen
degrees & ten minutes South eighty one rods to a stone
monument; then South sixty eight degrees West, ninety
four rods to a monument; then South sixty six & a
quarter degrees West, thirty six rods & ten links to a
Stake one rod and twenty four links from the North
East corner of the East part of Samuel Mills dwelling
house, and at a point bearing from said corner North
six degrees East; then from said Stake South, eighty
one & three quarter degrees West, thirty one rods &
five links. Thence West half a degree North fifty
four rods & nineteen links to the North East corner
of Burmells shop; then South eighty three degrees
West twenty two rods to an Apple tree marked;
then South seventy three & a half degrees West seven-
teen rods; then South sixty nine & a quarter degrees
West, twenty three rods & two links; then South
fifty one & three quarter degrees West twenty six rods
& twelve links to a pine staddle marked; then
South forty four degrees & ten minutes West, twenty
four rods & two links to the west side of a pine staddle
marked on the west side; then South sixty three
& three quarter degrees West, twenty two rods & five
links to a pine tree marked; then South sixty one
& three quarter degrees West, twenty three rods &
eleven links to a pine staddle marked; then South
forty nine & one third degrees West, sixty eight rods
& twenty links to a pine staddle marked; then
South forty nine degrees West twenty rods &
thirteen links to a pine staddle marked; then
South fifty seven degrees & fifty minutes West, forty
nine rods & seventeen links to a pine staddle marked;
then South fifty four degrees & fifty two minutes West,

Eighty two rods to a Stone monument standing on the South side of the new road passing down the steep hill, said lines were run for the southerly side of said Town way and the same is located three rods wide.
March 8. 1853

N. J. Leonard } County
Melrose Copeland } Commissioners
Wm. V. Seftons }

which report being read and considered is accepted, and the alterations in said Townway established.

John B. Elder per
for alterations in a
Town Road in
Chester

In the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire
The undersigned Inhabitants of the town of Chester in said County represent that the town road from the Western terminus of the County road located on the petition of John B. Elder & others to the County road near the Otis Wait bridge so called in said Chester is narrow crooked & hilly and that the same needs alteration. And the undersigned represent that several Inhabitants of said Chester, on the third day of June 1852 requested in writing the Selectmen of said Chester to view said road and make all necessary alterations & repairs, but said Selectmen have unreasonably refused & neglected to make said alterations: And the undersigned feel aggrieved at said refusal and neglect of said Selectmen.

We therefore pray the said Commissioners to view said road, and make all necessary alterations & repairs, and which in your opinion the public good requires

Chester Oct 5. 1852 John B. Elder & another

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners held for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty two,

At which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of James Jones in Chester on Thursday the Eleventh day of November next at nine o'clock A.M. - And it was ordered

by the County Commissioners that a Copy of said petition be
served by the Sheriff of said County or his deputy, upon
the Clerk of the Town of Chester in said County, thirty days,
at least before the said Eleventh day of November, and that
all other persons and corporations interested therein be
notified by publishing a Copy of said petition and this
order thereon, in the Springfield Republican a public
newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively,
the last publication to be fourteen days at least before
the time of said view. And it is further ordered by
the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts
containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted
up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in
the town of Chester fourteen days before said Eleventh
day of November, and that notice be given in manner
aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested that
the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises
expedient and proper, and that a view of the same
will be taken by them at the time and place
aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of
the County Commissioners held in said County on the
fourth Tuesday of December then next.

And the Sheriff of said County made this return
as follows.

Hampden Co. October 8. 1852

In obedience to the foregoing
petition I this day notified the Town Clerk of Chester
by giving in hand an attested Copy of this petition
and order thereon, and also posting in two places
in said Town an abstract containing the substance
thereof

Justin Wilson Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their
report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners
of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said
County, on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our
Lord eighteen hundred and fifty two. —

On the petition of John B. Elder & another, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the town road from the Western terminus of the County road located on the petition of John B. Elder & others to the County road near the Otis Wait bridge so called in said Chester is narrow crooked & hilly and that the same needs alterations and representing that several Inhabitants of said Chester on the third day of June 1852 requested in writing the Selectmen of said Chester to view said road and make all necessary alterations and repairs but that said Selectmen have unreasonably refused and neglected to make said alterations, and alleging that the petitioners feel aggrieved at said refusal & neglect of said Selectmen and praying the Commissioners to view said road & make all necessary alterations and repairs which the public good requires as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday the Eleventh day of November then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of James Jones in Chester, as the time and place for viewing the premises: and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Chester, being the town within which such alteration is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view: and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town: and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Republican a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said Eleventh day of November the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to have the parties at the same time of said view: and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition: and after considering

the same said Commissioners did then and there adjudge
that the said Selectmen have unreasonably refused and
neglected to alter the said town way.

Abelme Legeland Esq. one of the County Commissioners
being resident in said town of Chester, notice was
given by the other members of the Board to Lucius Newton
Esq. one of the Special Commissioners who appeared and
acted in this stand.

N. J. Leonard } County
Wm V. Sepins } Commissioners
Lucius Newton } Special Commrs.

which report being read & considered was accepted
and the alteration refused by said Selectmen, adjudged of
common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be
given to all persons and Corporations interested therein, that
said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling-house of
Joseph Sazell in Chester on Friday the fourth day of March
next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of
locating said alterations and repairs, by publishing an
abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the
Standard a public newspaper printed in said County,
three weeks successively, the last publication to be four
days at least before the said fourth day of March.

And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners,
that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the
Clerk of the town of Chester with a copy of said petition
and this order, thirty days at least and post up abstracts
containing the substance thereof in two public places in
said town of Chester, fourteen days at least before the
said fourth day of March, at which time the said Com-
missioners will proceed to locate said alterations &
repairs.—

And this petition was continued to this meeting.

And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said
order makes his return as follows.

Hempden Co. February 7. 1853

I, the Clerk to the foregoing petition &
this day notified the town Clerk of Chester by giving
in hand an attested copy of this petition and gave
thereon & also posting in two places in said town abstracts

Containing the Substance thereof

Justin Wilson Sheriff.

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County, on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen Hundred and Fifty two.

On the petition of John B. Elden & another inhabitants of Chester in said County, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that, the town road from the Western terminus of the County road located on the petition of John B. Elden & others to the County road near the Otis Wait bridge so called in said Chester is narrow crooked & shilly and that the same needs alteration and representing that several Inhabitants of said Chester on the third day of June in the year eighteen Hundred & fifty two requested in writing the Selectmen of Chester to view said road and make all necessary alterations & repairs, and alleging that said Selectmen have unreasonably refused and neglected to make said alterations, and that the Petitioners aforesaid feel aggrieved at said refusal and neglect, and pray the Commissioners to view said road and make all necessary alterations & repairs which in the opinion of the Commissioners the public good requires as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the Eleventh day of November then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of James Jones in Chester, as the time and place for viewing the premises: and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Chester, giving the town notice which such Town Road is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Republican a newspaper published in said County, said posting

and the last publication of said Copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as denoted in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said Eleventh day of November the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of December then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same said Commissioners did adjudge that, said Selectmen have unreasonably refused & neglected to alter said townway: and after adjudicating as aforesaid said Commissioners appointed Friday the fourth day of March then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Joseph Lague in said Chester as the time and place when and where they should meet and proceed to locate said alterations, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for such location, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said fourth day of March met and proceeded to ascertain the place and course of said way and to locate alterations in the Town way aforesaid as follows, viz.

Commencing at a yellow Oak tree marked H on the right hand side of the road and then running North eighty six & a half degrees West five rods to a Stone Monument: then North forty five degrees West three rods to a Stone Monument: then due North, nine rods to a Stone monument: then North twenty one degrees West, five rods; thence the road is laid four rods wide: then North fifty & a half

degrees west across a run of water, three rods and twenty links to a stone monument: on this course the road narrows down from four rods at its commencement to three rods at its termination: Then South Sixty five & a half degrees West, nine rods & eighteen links to a stone monument: Then South forty nine & three quarter degrees West, twelve & a half rods to a hard maple tree marked H; then South five & a half degrees West, twenty rods to a stone monument by Otis Wait's Stone wall; The last three courses the way is located three rods in width, and the lines run are on the northerly side of the location. —

The owner of the land over which the same paper is allowed until the first day of June next to remove his wood and timber therefrom: but no sugar maples are to be cut by the Town unless it be such as may interfere with the construction of the road bed.

The Commissioners having heard Otis Wait the owner of the land over which said way is altered paper, assess his damages as estimated by them at Seventy dollars.

Melvin Copeland Esq being resident in said Chester notice was given by the other members of the Board to Lucius H. Newton Esq one of the Special Commissioners who appeared and acted instead of said Copeland.

N. D. Leonard } County
Wm V. Sessions } Commissioners
L. H. Newton } Special Commr.

which report being read & considered is accepted and the road established as a public turnpike

Hinsdale Smith
Attorney for
Inhabitants of H. W. in
West Springfield

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire
Your petitioners Inhabitants of the towns West Springfield & Southwick in said County respectfully represent that, that part of the highway leading from Fearing Hills to Springfield, commencing at the Parish line between Fearing Hills and Agawam, near an apple tree by said highway, thence Eastwardly to a point near the dwelling house of Doct. Hudson in said West Springfield is sandy and out of repair, and that the Agawam Bridge on said highway is also out of repair.

your petitioners would therefore pray that such alterations on said Highway and Bridge be made as the convenience and safety of the public may require.
West Springfield Aug. 1st 1852 — Hiram Smith & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty two, at which meeting the Commissioners viewing a view of the premises expedient and proper gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of James Leonard in West Springfield on Wednesday the tenth day of November next, at nine o'clock A.M. and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of West Springfield in said County, thirty days at least before the said tenth day of November, and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Post, a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be sometime days at least before the time of said view.

And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of West Springfield sometime days before said tenth day of November, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued, to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December of then next.

And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Hampden Co. October 8th 1852

In obedience to the foregoing petition I this day notified the Town Clerk of West Springfield

by giving in hand an attested copy of this petition and
order thereon, and also posting in two public places in said
town abstracts containing the substance thereof

Justin Wilson Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in
writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of
the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County,
on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen
hundred and fifty two.

On the petition of Hinsdale Smith & others then presented
to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that,
that part of the highway leading from Feeding Hills to Spring-
field — Commencing at the Parish line between Feeding
Hills and Agawam, near an apple tree by said high-
way, thence easterly to a point near the dwelling house
of Doct. Hudson in said West Springfield is sandy and
out of repair, and that the Agawam Bridge over said
highway is also out of repair, and praying that such
alterations on said highway and bridge may be made as
the convenience and safety of the public may require as
by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises specified,
appointed Wednesday the tenth day of November then next,
and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of James Leonard
in said West Springfield as the time and place for viewing the
premises: and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon
the clerk of the town of West Springfield, being the town within
which such alterations are prayed for, thirty days at least
before the time appointed for said view: and also caused
abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof,
to be posted in two public places in said town: and also
gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of
said petition to be published three weeks successively in
the Post — a newspaper published in said County: said
posting and the last publication of said copy having
been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for
said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners
gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice

of the petitioners, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said tenth day of November the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view: and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petitioners: and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that Common Convenience and necessity require, that the Highway aforesaid, from a point near the East side of the small bridge near Pliny Leonard's barn to the stone indicating the way to Ed Flowers tavern be altered, and that the residue of said Highway can with greater public convenience be specifically repaired.

Melvin Copeland Esq one of the County Commissioners being unable to attend said meeting, notice was given by the other members of Board to Lucius P. Newton Esq who appeared and acted in his stead.

N. J. Leonard	}	County
Wm V. Sepins		Commissioners
Lucius P. Newton	}	Special Commisr

which report being read and considered was accepted, and the alteration as specified in said report adjudged of Common Convenience and necessity.

At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested therein that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of Pliny Leonard in West Springfield on Tuesday the twenty second day of February next at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of locating said alterations and repairs, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Hampden Post a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty second day of February.

And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy serve the Clerk of the town of West Springfield with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public

places in said town of West Springfield fourteen days at least before the said twenty second day of February, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said Alterations and repairs, and will hear all persons and Corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road. And this petition was continued to this meeting. — And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows.

Hampden Co January 22 1853

By virtue of the within petition & order I have given notice to all Corporations and persons interested by leaving an attested Copy of said petition and order at the last and usual place of abode of E. M. Smith the Clerk of the town of West Springfield: and on the same day posted notices as within directed in two public places in said town.

John Mills Jr D Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County, on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty two.

On the petition of Hiramale Smith & others; then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that, that part of the highway leading from Picking Hills to Springfield, commencing at the parish line between Picking Hills & Agawam near an apple tree by said highway; thence Eastwardly to a point near the dwelling house of Dectr Hudson in said West Springfield is sandy and out of repair, and that the Agawam Bridge on said highway is also out of repair and praying that such alterations be made in said highway as the safety & convenience of the public may require, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, viewing a view of the premises specified, appointed Wednesday the tenth day of November then next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of James Leonard Jr in West Springfield as the time and place for viewing the premises:

and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of West Springfield, being the town within which such alterations are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view: and also caused abstracts of said petitions, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town: and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Post or newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. —

And on the tenth day of November the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of December then next, at which meeting the parties were there, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the Highway aforesaid from a point near the East side of the small bridge near Pliny Leonard's Barn to the stone indicating the way to Cold Plains Tavern, should be altered and that the residue of said Highway could with greater public convenience be specifically repaired, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the twenty second day of February then next, and at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Pliny Leonard in said West Springfield, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to make such alterations, and direct such repairs: And the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for such location and direction, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided.

Before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said sketch instead of a copy thereof) - on the said twenty second day of February met and proceeded to locate said alterations:

Commencing at a stone monument on the southerly side of the existing road in front of Phiny Leonard's Carriage house and running north eighty nine and a half degrees West, five rods and eight links to a stone monument: Then North Seventy two and a half degrees West, thirty five rods & eighteen links to a stone monument in the division line between lands of said Phiny & Constantine Leonard; then North eighty nine and three quarter degrees West, thirty two and a half rods to a stone monument by a chestnut tree: The location thus far is made three rods wide: Then South Seventy one and a half degrees West, Seventeen rods & four links to a stone monument: on this course the location widens to four rods at its terminus: Then North Sixty three and three quarter degrees West, eight rods & five links to a white Oak tree: then North fifty one and three quarter degrees West, twenty three rods to a stone monument: Then North Seventy five and a half degrees West, four rods & twenty links to a pine tree: The location on the last three courses is made four rods wide: Then South Seventy five degrees West, forty one rods & twenty links to a pine tree marked H: Thence ^{South} eighty one degrees West, twenty one rods & sixteen links to a small black Oak tree marked: Then South forty nine and a quarter degrees West, eight rods & fifteen links to a post opposite the Old Stone Tavern Directory; The highway to be three rods wide on the last three courses. The entire line run is on the left hand on southerly side of the Highway as above -

The owners of land over which said highway is altered is located, are allowed until the fifteenth day of May next to remove their wood, trees & timber therefrom.

The following directions will be required to be observed in the construction of the road bed viz,

The first course of five rods & eight links is to be graded water level with the flowing of the bridge thereon.

The next thirty six rods the grade is to be made uniform and cut to exceed two & a half degrees.

The next twenty four rods the grade is to be uniform terminating at the surface of the present travelled path. The great hill is to be brought to a grade not exceeding three and a quarter degrees to be excavated at the top and filled at the bottom so as to connect properly with the present surface of the road.

The following specific repairs will be required.

The low ground near the woods and at or near corner of Dyn Woodworth is to be filled four & a half feet at the lowest point, and the extreme elevation a few rods east is to be excavated at least four & a half feet and removed to the low ground aforesaid, and to be so connected by excavations and filling as to make a uniform slope or grade.

The road bed opposite an apple tree at the highest point between the Brook & river bridges is to be raised at least three & a half feet, and after being so raised the grade is to be made uniform to each of said bridges.

The slope of the excavation if practicable is to be made so as not to exceed a grade of two degrees in the direction of the House of said Olney and of the Suffolk new road.

The road bed eastward of Agawam Bridge is to be raised and a dry bridge constructed in place of a portion of the embankment thirty feet in length and eighteen feet in width in the clear. — The superstructure to be of one single span of heavy & substantial timbers covered with hard wood three inch plank: The sides to be protected with substantial railing. — The abutment walls to be of Stone deeply embedded in the earth & not less than four feet thick at the bottom and to batter so as not to be less than two & a half feet thick at the top. — The abutments to be protected with wing walls of sufficient dimensions to prevent undermining in times of freshets.

The face wall of the western abutment to be seventy feet easterly of the second pair of posts in

the Eastern end of the Agawam Bridge, and so elevated as to render the flooring of the Western end of the dry bridge, four feet & ten inches lower than the level of the flooring of Agawam Bridge, which will produce a declination of four degrees, to which grade the space between the two bridges, will be required to be brought, which will raise the travelled path at said wall about three feet & ten inches above the present path.

The Eastern abutment to drop one foot lower than the western, and the bridge floor to receive a corresponding pitch of one foot.

The space under the dry bridge to be excavated so as to correspond with the surrounding surface.

The road bed, from the dry bridge to a point, opposite a large button ball tree and one hundred & eighty five feet distant therefrom to be filled so as to make a uniform grade, and a Slope constructed from the Embankment towards West Springfield Centre, the grade of which must be made as easy as that required in one Easternly direction.

The travelled path from said button ball tree to a point opposite the house of Deeds Hudson is to be hardened with a covering of gravel six inches thick or four inches of red sandstone formation and in either case to be sixteen feet in width.

Sufficient Sluices and Culverts composed of Stone or Stone & brick will be required at all points where it may be necessary to pass the water from one side of the road bed to the other, except at the brook near the barn of said Pliny, both on the old and new road.

All the materials used in the work in above direction must be of good quality and well adapted to the purposes for which they are employed, and all the work will be required to be done in a thorough substantial and workmanlike manner, and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of September next.

After having located the said alteration and directed such specific repairs the said Commissioners proceeded to estimate the damages occasioned thereby as follows, viz,

To Money Received thirty seven dollars & eighteen Cents	37.18
do Constantine Leonard Sixty Six dollars & fifty Six Cents	66.56
do Asa Austin five dollars	5.00
	108.74

Robert Ely releases his claim to damages.

N. D. Leonard	} County Commissioners
Melvin Copeland	
Wm. V. Sepins	

which report being read and considered is adopted and the road established as for a public highway.

In the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire
The undersigned citizens of Granville & vicinity in said County represent, that the Highway in said Granville leading from near Justus Rose's house to the house of Volney Stow, is between the house of said Rose and of said Stow narrow, crooked, rocky & greatly out of repair and needs attention.

Samuel P. Reed
Pet for attention of
Highway in Granville

Wherefore the undersigned pray the said Commissioners to come out and view said Highway and make such alterations & do such matters & things relating thereto, as in the judgment of the said Commissioners shall be deemed necessary and for the public good dated this sixth day of October 1852

Samuel P. Reed & others.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners held for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty two.

At which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Justus Rose in Granville on Wednesday the seventeenth day of November next at nine o'clock A.M. and it is ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the clerk of the town of Granville in said County, thirty days at least before the said seventeenth day of November, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified, by

publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Westfield Standard a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Granville fourteen days before said Sweetest day of November, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this Petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners helden in said County on the fourth Tuesday of December then next.

And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.
Hampden Co. October 11th 1852

In obedience to the foregoing Petition I this day notified the Town Clerk of Granville by giving in hand an attested Copy of this Petition and order thereon and also posting in two public places in said Town abstracts containing the substance thereof

Justin Wilson Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty two.

On the petition of Samuel P. Reed & others there presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the Highway in Granville in said County leading from near Justice Rose's House to the House of Volney Stow, is between the house of said Rose and of said Stow, narrow, crooked, rocky and ^{greatly} ~~very~~ out of repair, and needs attention. and praying the Commissioners to view said Highway & make such alterations, and do such other matters & things relating thereto as should be deemed necessary for the public good, as by said

petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the seventeenth day of November then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, as the time and place for viewing the premises: and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Granville, being the town within which such alterations are prayed for, thirty days or least before the time appointed for said view: and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof to be posted in two public places in said town: and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Westfield Standard a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days or least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as directed in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said seventeenth day of November the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of December then next: at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that, common convenience and necessity require an alteration in said highway, between the road leading to the house of said Reed and a point about twenty rods north therefrom, and that the residue of said highway may with greater public convenience be so amended as to supersede the necessity of any additional alterations.

Melvin Copeland Esq one of the County Commissioners being unable to attend said view and hearing. notice was given by the other members of the

Born to Lucius P. Newton Esq who appeared and
acted in his stead

N. J. Leonard } County
Wm. V. Lefkins } Commissioners

Lucius P. Newton & Special Commis.

which report being read and considered was adopted
and the attention as specified in said report signified of
Common Convenience & necessity.

At which meeting the Commissioners ordered, that notice
be given to all persons and Corporations interested therein.
that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of
Justus Rose in Granville on Friday the eighth day of April next,
at nine o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of locating said
alterations, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this
order thereon, in the Standard a public newspaper printed
in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication
to be fourteen days at least before the said eighth day of April.

And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners,
that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, send the clerk
of the town of Granville with a copy of said petition and this
order, thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing
the substance thereof in two public places in said town of
Granville, fourteen days at least before the said eighth day of
April; at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to
locate said alterations: and will hear all persons and Cor-
porations interested therein, who may then and there desire
to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion
may be just and proper by reason of the location of said roads,
and this petition was continued to this meeting. - And
the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order sends
his return as follows.

Hampden Co. March 5. 1833

In obedience to the foregoing petition I this day
served the town clerk of Granville by giving in hand
an attested copy of the petition and order thereon,
also posting in two public places abstracts containing the
substance thereof.

Justin Wilson Sheriff.

And now the Commissioners make their report in
writing as follows. -

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden held at Springfield, in said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen Hundred and Fifty two.

On the petition of Samuel F. Reed & others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the highway in Granville in said County leading from near Justus Rose's house to the house of Volney Stow, is, between the house of said Rose and of said Stow, narrow, crooked, rocky & greatly out of repair and needs alterations; and praying the Commissioners to view said highway and make such alterations and do such matters and things relating thereto as in their judgment shall be deemed necessary and for the public good, as by said petition in file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Wednesday the Twentieth day of November then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Justus Rose in Granville as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Granville being the town within which such alterations are prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Standard, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. And on the said Twentieth day of November the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was —

deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of December then next: At which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that, the Common Convenience and necessity require an alteration in said Highway between the road leading to the House of said Reed and a point about twenty rods North therefrom and that the residue of said Highway may with greater public convenience be so amended as to supersede the necessity of any addition, and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Friday the eighth day of April then next nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Justice Rose in said Granville as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate said Alterations, and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for such location and directing such repairs, in the same manner as the Notice and Publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except Publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said eighth day of April met and proceeded to locate an Alteration in said Highway; Commencing at a Stone Monument on the North side of the road leading to said Reed's house, then running North thirty degrees West, eleven rods and twenty links to a Stone monument; then North twenty degrees West, nine rods & two links to the South side of a rock: then North thirty degrees West, ten rods to a Chestnut tree marked. - The line run is on the Eustaty side of the Highway as altered and the same is located four rods wider. -

The owners of land over which the same is located are allowed until the first day of June next to remove their wood timber & trees therefrom.

A Sluice will be required at the point opposite or nearly opposite the monument first mentioned.

The following Specific repairs will be required, viz.

The bridge near Volney Stoss saw mill is to have coving of several planks and a substantial railing at the sides. At all points where the safety of the travellers requires it, substantial railing must be put up, the small ends of the rails to be not less than four inches in diameter.

A Sluice will be required near a birch tree marked 1. The South side of the road bed near the corner of Calvin Ross Pasture near a birch tree marked 2. is to have a ditch opened on the Southernly side at least fifteen inches below the top of the road, and the rock to be excavated so as not to increase the grade of the road. — A Sluice will be required between two hemlocks marked 3. —

The Sluice opposite a Chestnut tree marked 4 must be rebuilt. — A Sluice will be required near a maple marked 5.

The small bridge near a small dog wood tree is to have new Sleepers and to be covered with Chestnut planks at least two inches thick.

At a Chestnut marked 7 and a Chestnut marked 8 Sluices will be required. — A new Sluice will also be required near a hemlock marked 9. — Sluices will be required near a hemlock marked 10. — a very small maple tree marked 11. — and a hemlock staddle marked 12. — The rock in the South ditch near the last mentioned point must be removed.

From a birch staddle marked 13 a line is to be drawn to a hemlock marked 14. — & from thence to a Chestnut marked 15 and the road bed is to be widened so that the top of the excavation shall extend to said line and the grade of the road improved as far as it can be with the surplus earth. —

A Sluice will be required near said Chestnut, another near a small Chestnut marked 16. — and another near a birch sapling marked 17. — and the rocks removed from the ditch East of the last mentioned point. — A Sluice will be required opposite a hemlock tree marked 18. — A sufficient ditch or Sluice will be required to carry off the water from the hollow near a stump marked 19. — A Sluice will be required near a Sassafras marked 19. — and the

road bed to be raised on each side thereof so as to be uniform.

From a small Oak to a small Chestnut each marked R - the road bed is to be reworked on the present site or partly thrown down so that there shall be a free passage for water at all seasons of the year. - The upper side of the road bed the entire distance to have a ditch at least fifteen inches below the surface of the road bed.

Sluices to be inserted wherever necessary and the grade of the travelled path to be made nearly uniform. -

From a small Chestnut marked R to the watering trough, the road is to be worked over, the rocks and large Stone removed from the road so that the same when completed shall be at least sixteen feet in width exclusive of ditches. - The rock must be taken out of the road bed at a point opposite a poplar tree marked R. -

West of William & Charles Wells Saw Mill, two feet is to be excavated from the ledge, and the ditch at that point reduced so that it shall be reduced at least fifteen inches below the top of the road bed. -

A sufficient channel must be cut, and obstructions removed so that there shall be a free passage for water on both sides of the bridge, and under the bridge between the lands of Henry Clark and Justus Rose.

The marks of the above mentioned numbers were made with red chalk.

All of the sluices above mentioned will be required to be made entirely of stone.

All of the materials used in any part of the work must be of good quality and well adapted to the purpose & all the work must be done in a thorough substantial and workmanlike manner, and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of September next. -

William & Charles Wells release all claims to damages occasioned by said location, and no

other person appeared to claim any damages. —
Milein Copeland by one of the County Commissioners
being unable to attend said meeting, notice was
given by the other members of the Board to Lucius P.
Newton by one of the Special Commissioners who
appeared and acted in his stead.

N. J. Leonard } County
Wm. V. Sepien } Commissioners
L. P. Newton } Special Commisr.

which report being read and considered is accepted
and the road established as for a public highway. —

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire Heron Newton
The undersigned Inhabitants of the Town of Monson & another sue for
sharply request your Honors to make an alteration in alteration of a high-
way in Monson
in the Highway lately laid by your Honors near Blanchard way in Monson
said mill in Monson: Commencing at a Rock in A. V.
Blanchard's land; thence Easterly to the saw mill
Heron Newton & another

The foregoing Petition was entered at a meeting
of the County Commissioners held for said County
on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord
Eighteen Hundred and fifty two.

At which meeting the Commissioners not being requested
to view, and a view not being deemed expedient, gave
notice that they would meet for the purpose of a
hearing upon said petition, at the Court House in Spring-
field on Tuesday the sixteenth day of November next,
at Nine o'clock A.M.: and it was ordered by the County
Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served
by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk
of the town of Monson in said County, thirty days, at least,
before the said sixteenth day of November, and that
all other persons and Corporations interested therein be
notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this
order thereon, in the Republican, a public newspaper
printed in said County, three weeks successively, the
last publication to be fourteen days at least before the
time of said hearing: And it was further ordered by
the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts

containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Monson, fourteen days before said sixteenth day of November, and that notice ^{be} given in manner aforesaid, to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners will act upon said petition at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December then next.

And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Hampden Sp. Octo 16. 1853

In obedience to the foregoing petition I this day notified the Town Clerk of Monson by giving in hand an attested copy of the petition and order thereon, and also posting in two public places in said town abstracts containing the substance thereof.

Justin Wilson Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Sp.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, holden at Springfield, in said County, on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and fifty two.

On the petition of Hiram Newton & another there presented to said Commissioners, requesting said Commissioners to make an alteration in the Highway lately laid by them near Blanchards Saw Mill in Monson commencing at a rock in Ab. Blanchards & Co land, thence easterly to the saw mill in Monson as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners not being requested to view, and not deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the sixteenth day of November then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Court House in Springfield as the time and place for hearing said petition, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the

town of munsen, being the town within which such alteration
is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appoint-
ed for said hearing: and also caused abstracts of said
petition, containing the substance thereof to be posted
in two public places in said town: and also gave
notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of
said petition to be published three weeks successively
in the Republican a newspaper published in said County,
said posting and the last publication of said copy
having been fourteen days at least before the time
appointed for said hearing, and before said hearing
was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like man-
ner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition,
to all persons interested of the time and place for
said hearing. —

And on the said sixteenth day of November the
Commissioners met at the time and place appointed,
and proceeded to hear said petition, and having
heard the same, the further consideration thereof
was deferred till the next regular meeting of the
Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the
fourth Tuesday of December then next, at which
meeting the parties were heard, and after the
hearing, said Commissioners, proceeded to consider
and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition,
and after considering the same, said Commissioners
did adjudge that: the common convenience and
necessity require that the prayer of said petition
should be granted.

Melvin Copeland Esq one of the County Commissioners
and Eliza Bates Esq one of the Special Commissioners
both being unable to attend notice was given by the other
members of the Board to Lucius P. Newton Esq the
other Special Commissioner who appeared and acted
in stead of said Copeland.

N. J. Leonard } County
Wm V. Lepsien } Commissioners
Lucius P. Newton } Special Commisr

which report being read & considered was accepted &
the alteration as specified in said report adjudged of
common convenience & necessity.

At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners would meet at the Court House in Springfield on Tuesday the twelfth day of April next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said Alteration, by publishing an abstract of said Petition and this order thereon, in the Palmer Journal a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twelfth day of April.

And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, send the clerk of the town of Monson, with a copy of said Petition and this order, thirty days at least and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Monson, fourteen days at least before the said twelfth day of April, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said Alteration — and will hear all persons and Corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and allow such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said Road.

And this Petition was continued to this meeting, and the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows.

Hampden Co. March 3^d. 1853

In obedience to the foregoing Petition I this day send the town clerk of Monson, by giving in him an attested copy of this Petition and order thereon, and also posting in two places in said town Abstracts containing the substance thereof.

Justin Wilson Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows. —

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County, on the first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty two. —

On the petition of Hiram Newton & others then presented to said Commissioners, — requesting them to make an alteration in the highway lately laid by them near Blambers

Saw Mill in Mansour, commencing at a rock in A. to
Blanchard's land, thence Easterly to the saw mill as by
said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners not being requested to view, and not desiring
a view of the premises, appointed Tuesday the
sixteenth day of November then next and nine o'clock in
the forenoon, at the Court House in Springfield as the time
and place for hearing said petition; and caused a copy of said
petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Mansour, being
the town within which such alteration is prayed for, thirty
days at least before the time appointed for said hearing; and
also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance
thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town;
and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing
a copy of said petition to be published three weeks
successively in the Republican, a newspaper published
in said County, said posting and the last publication
of said copy having been fourteen days at least before
the time appointed for said hearing, and also before
said hearing was had, said Commissioners gave notice
in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the
petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place
for hearing said petition.

And on the said sixteenth day of November the
Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and
proceeded to hear said petition, and having heard the same,
the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next
regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield
aforesaid on the fourth Tuesday of December then next
at which meeting the matter was heard, and after the
hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and
adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after
considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that
the prayer of said petition should be granted.

And after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners
appointed Tuesday the twelfth day of April then next
and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House in
said Springfield as the time and place when and where
they would meet and proceed to locate said alteration,
and the said Commissioners having given notice of the
adjudication and the time and place appointed for

Said location, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to said hearing, (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said twelfth day of April met and proceeded to locate said Alteration.

Commencing at a rock with a stone thereon bearing North Seventy Six degrees East, Sixty rods, to a stone monument; then North Seventy Seven degrees East, twenty rods and fifteen links to a stone monument, by the westerly side of the Old road near the Mills - said Highway as altered is located three rods in width and the line run is on the southerly side thereof.

No damages were claimed and none are sustained in the judgment of the Commissioners, occasioned by the alteration. And the road bed is to be where it is now constructed.

April 12 1853

N. J. Leonard
Melvin Cepelind
Wm. V. Sepiors

County
Commissioners

which report being read and considered is accepted and the road established as a public highway.

Henry P. Brown & others
Pet for discontinuance
of highway in Brimfield

In the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire
The Subscribers inhabitants of Brimfield in said County, hereby respectfully represent that since the opening of the new road near the house of Sumner Parker that so much of the old road as lies west of where the new road enters the old road, and on land lately owned by Alben Jones has become unnecessary and tends to mislead the travelling public. We therefore request your Honors to view and discontinue the same.

Brimfield Dec 27. 1852 Henry P. Brown & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners held for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and fifty two.

At which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Sumner

Parker in Brimfield on Wednesday the second day of February next, at nine o'clock A.M.: and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the clerk of the town of Brimfield in said County, thirty days, at least, before the said second day of February, and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Palmer Journal a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it was further ordered by the Commissioners that Copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Brimfield, fourteen days before said second day of February, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid, to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises appraised and taxed, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this Petition was continued to this meeting.

And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Hampden Co. January 3^d 1853

By virtue of the within petition and the order thereon I have notified & warned the Inhabitants of the town of Brimfield as within directed by delivering to the town clerk of said Brimfield in hand a true and attested copy of the within petition and the order thereon: and afterwards on the fifteenth day of the same January in the same year caused two true and attested copies of the within petition and the order thereon, to be posted up in two public places in the town of Brimfield.

Parker W. Webster, Dep. Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said

County, on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty two.

On the petition of Henry R. Brown & others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that since the opening of the new road near the house of Sumner Parker, that so much of the old Road as lies west of where the new road enters the old road and on land lately owned by Albon Jones has become unnecessary and tends to mislead the travelling public, and praying the Commissioners to view and discontinue the same as by said petition in full view appears.

The Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises specified, appointed Wednesday the second day of February then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Sumner Parker in Brimfield as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the town of Brimfield, being the town within which such discontinuance is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view: and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town: and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Palmer Journal a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said second day of February, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view: and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition: and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the road mentioned in said petition which is a highway be discontinued as therein prayed for: And the same is hereby

discontinued. no person or Corporation assumed to claim
any damages occasioned by such discontinuance,
and none such are sustained in the judgment
of said Commissioners -

N. D. Leonard } County
Melvin Copeland } Commis-
Wm. V. Sepins } - ions

which report being read and considered is accepted,
& the road discontinued as a public highway -

Report of the Inspectors of Prison taken & accepted for report
on file

The following persons are licensed as Innholders
at the places set against their names without
authority to sell intoxicating liquors April 13th

Profus Mosher Chispee, House near Junction Chispee

Clapen Parrott Willsimsett House near Willsimsett Ferry "

Madison Kendall Cab & House Market Square Chispee

Horace Adams Eagle Hotel Corner of Exchange & Putnam Streets "

Elisha Keimney Centre of town 40 rods from Meeting House Holland

John Baldwin his house where he now lives Willsimsett

In conformity with a resolve of the General Court passed at
their present Session granting a tax of Twenty Six
thousand dollars for the County of Hampshire, the same
is apportioned upon the several Towns in said County
in manner following, to wit,

Blanford	\$ 625 " 25
Brimsfield	762 " 02
Chester	534 " 07
Chispee	3,920 " 84
Granville	475 " 45
Holland	175 " 85
Holyoke	2,097 " 20
Longmeadow	918 " 34
Lunenburg	527 " 56
Monroe	1,074 " 65
Montgomery	182 " 37
over	11,293 " 60

	and her own	
Palmer		11293 60
Russell		1452 40
Southwick		201 91
Springfield		605 71
Tolland		7229 45
Wales		234 47
Westfield		267 03
West Springfield		1849 70
Wilbraham		1823 65
		1042 08
		<hr/> 26,000 00

And Warrants have been issued dated May 10th 1853 directed to the Selectmen or assessors of the several towns in the County, directing them to apportion the same upon the Inhabitants of their respective towns, and requiring their Collectors or constables to collect the same and pay the same to William Rice, County Treasurer, or his successor or order, by the last day of August next ensuing as the law directs.

Sundry Accounts against the County being now presented for allowance amounting, amounting to the sum of Nine Hundred & Sixty eight dollars and sixteen Cents, are allowed, and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury. \$968.16

The following persons are allowed the sums set against their several names in full for damages to lands by the location of Highways, and the County Treasurer is ordered to pay the same, amounting to the sum of Seven Hundred & fifty nine dollars

To Danforth & Stephen Needham		\$210 00
" Oliver Needham	{ set of land } B. Perry	370 00
" Samuel B. Perry		98 00
" Worcester Tuttle	{ set of } Elin Allen	15 00
" Edwin H. Ball		25 00
and County Treasurer		<hr/> 718 00

	and has forward	718.00
To Thos T. Gentry	} part of Hammill's bill	12.00
" Julius B. Gentry		10.00
" Hens of Samuel Granger (additional) part of E. L. Hamme	}	19.00
		\$759.00

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire
 We the undersigned inhabitants of Blandford
 represent that the road leading from second division
 so called to Russell, is veryilly and needs some
 alterations. We therefore desire a new road as follows,
 to wit, Commencing near the dwelling House of Widow
 Isreal C. Browns, and running near the Course of the
 brook and intersect with the brook road leading
 from Blandford Centre to Russell Depot, near the
 house of Wm M. Lewis occupied by Mr. Braser,
 Your petitioners wish you to view the above route
 and if thought expedient and in justice to the
 petitioners, we pray you to lay the same for a
 public road

Robert Parker & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting
 of the County Commissioners holden for said County
 on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord
 Eighteen hundred and fifty two.

At which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view
 of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they
 would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling
 house of Widow Isreal C. Browns in Blandford on Tuesday
 the third day of August next, at nine o'clock A.M.:
 and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a
 copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said
 County or his Deputy, upon the owners of the towns of
 Blandford & Russell in said County, thirty days ^{at least} before
 the said third day of August, and that all other
 persons and corporations interested therein be notified,
 by publishing a copy of said petition and this order
 thereon, in the Westfield Standard a public news-
 paper printed in said County, three weeks successively

Robert Parker & others
 Pet for alterations
 in Road from Blandford
 to Russell Depot

the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. — And it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof, and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the towns of Blandford & Russell fourteen days before said third day of August, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December then next.

And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows
Hampden sp. July 2^d 1852

In obedience to the foregoing petition I this day notified the town Clerks of Blandford & Russell by giving in hand attested copies of this petition and order thereon, and also posting in two public places in said towns abstracts containing the substance thereof
Justin Wilson Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden sp.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eight hundred and fifty two. —

On the petition of Robert Parker & others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the road leading from second division so called to Russell is very hilly and needs some alterations, and desiring a new road, commencing near the house of Widow Isaac C. Brown and running near the course of the brook and intersecting with the brook road leading from Blandford Centre to Russell Depot near the house of William M. Lewis occupied by Mr. Brazer, and praying the Commissioners to

view and lay the same for a public road as might be deemed expedient & just as by said petition or file will appear.

The Commissioners, during a view of the premises expected, appointed Tuesday the third day of August then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Widow Israel C. Brown in said Blandford as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the select of the towns of Blandford & Russell being the towns within which such road is prayed for, thirty days or less before the time appointed for said view: and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in each of said towns; and also gave notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Standard a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days or less before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said third day of August the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view: and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition: and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition should be granted.

August 3 1852

N. J. Leonard	} County	
Melvin Copeland		Commis-
Wm. V. Telford		sioners

which report being read and considered was accepted & alteration as specified in said Report

adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of Robert Parks in Blanford on Thursday the thirty first day of March next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said Highway & Alterations, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order therein, in the New Letter a public Newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively the last publication to be fourteen days at least, before the said thirty first day of March. And it was further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerks of the towns of Blanford & Russell, with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least, — and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said towns of Blanford & Russell, fourteen days at least before the said thirty first day of March, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said Highway & Alterations: and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road.

And this petition was continued to this meeting.

And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows

Hampden Co., February 22 1853

In obedience to the foregoing petition and order thereon, I this day notified the Town Clerks of Blanford & Russell by giving in hands a copy of this petition and order thereon, and also posting in two places in each of said towns abstracts containing the substance thereof

Justin Wilson Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said

County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord
eighteen hundred and fifty two.

On the petition of Robert Parks & others, then presented
to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that
the road leading from second division (in Blandford)
to Rappah is very faulty and needs some alterations
and desiring a new road; Commencing near the dwelling
house of Widow Israel C. Brown and running near the
course of the brook and intersecting with the brook road
leading from Blandford Center to Rappah depot near the
house of William M. Lewis, compiled by W. B. B. and
praying the Commissioners to view and locate the same for
a public road as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises
expedient, appointed Tuesday, the third day of August then
next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of
Widow Israel C. Brown in said Blandford as the time
and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of
said petition to be served upon the clerks of the towns
of Blandford & Rappah being the towns within which such
road is prayed for, thirty days or less before the time
appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of
said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted
in two public places in each of said towns; and also
gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy
of said petition to be published three weeks successively in
the Standard a newspaper published in said County,
said posting and the last publication of said copy
having been fourteen days or less before the time
appointed for said view; and before said view was
had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as
described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons
interested, of the time and place for commencing said
view. — And on the said third day of August
the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed,
and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed
the same; the further consideration thereof was
deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners,
held at Springfield aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of
December then next: At which meeting the parties were
heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners

proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that Common Convenience & necessity require that the prayer of said petition should be granted.

And after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Thursday the thirty first day of March then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Robert Parks in said Blandford as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate a highway upon said petition; and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for said location, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, to the town of Blandford the said all lying in said town, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said thirty first day March met and proceeded to locate said highway.

Commencing at a soft maple tree standing on the North side of the old road and on the West side of Second Division brook, then running North twenty & a half degrees West, twenty rods to a stone monument, then North eight & a quarter degrees West, across said brook five rods & eight links to a stone monument; on this course a bridge will be required eighteen feet in width and thirty five feet in length, to be elevated seven feet above the bed of the brook - then North fifteen & a half degrees West, twenty six rods to a stone; the wet places on this course to be partially filled with round stones, but not more than one foot to the surface of the road bed, which after being completed, is in no part to be allowed to exceed a grade of five degrees: Then North twelve degrees East, eighteen rods to a stone: The grade of the road bed on this course is to be made uniform and not to exceed five degrees: Then North one & a half degrees West eight rods & seven links to a stone: then North twenty seven & three quarter degrees West, ten rods to a stone: The grade of the road bed on the two last courses is not to exceed three degrees: Then North fifty & three quarter degrees West, thirteen rods to a stone: On this course

a bridge must be constructed with the abutments not less than
four feet apart in the clear and of such height as will
not interfere with the grade of the road, and so constructed
as to allow the passage of cattle as well as water: Then
North fifty three & a quarter degrees West, twenty rods and
ninety links to a white pine tree marked G: Then
North fifty one & a quarter degrees West, fifteen rods to
a white pine tree marked G — The grade on the two
last courses not to exceed in any place four & a quarter
degrees: Then North fifty three degrees West, thirty
eight rods to a stone: Then North forty nine & a
quarter degrees West, six rods to a stone: Then North
twenty three degrees West, twelve rods to a stone on the
southerly side of the ravine. — The grade on the last
two courses to be uniform, and not to exceed, two
& three fourth degrees: Then North sixty one & a
half degrees West, seventeen & a half rods to a stone,
on this course a sluice must be made of sufficient
capacity to admit a free passage for all accumulat-
ing water in the ravine, and the travel path
over the same is to be four feet above the present surface
of the ground: Then North fifty three & a half degrees
West forty eight rods & twenty links to a stone;

At this point a cut will be required of two feet,
and the general grade of the road bed, is to
correspond with the same.

A bridge will also be required on this course
of sufficient height, to conform to the grade
of the road bed on each side thereof.

Then North sixty & a half degrees West, thirty one
& a half rods to a stone monument on the easterly
side of an old road: A sluice will be required on
this last course, and also at all other points
where it is necessary to pass the water from
one side of the road to the other, as also a sluice at
the point of connection with the old road: all
of which will be constructed of stone. — The lines
run are on the easterly or right hand side of
the highway, and the same is located three
rods wide. — Whenever the grade of the road
bed is not specifically mentioned the same must

to made as nearly uniform as the nature of the ground will admit from one angle to another.

The road bed is to be well thrown up and when it is soft & spongy to have a covering of gravel at least one foot thick. — All stump roots & large stone removed therefrom, and the same when completed to be at least sixteen feet in width exclusive of ditches. — All the materials used are to be well adapted to the purpose.

All the abutments of bridges and protection of Embankments, are to be of stone, and all the work is to be done in a thorough, skilful and workmanlike manner and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the fifteenth day of May 1854.

All necessary Railing must be constructed.

The Owners of land are allowed until the fifteenth day of October next to remove their wood, timber & trees therefrom.

After having made said location and hearing all parties interested in the question of damages who desired to be heard, the said Commissioners proceeded to estimate the same as follows, viz,

To William M. Davis	Three Hundred & fifty acres	\$ 350.00
" Joseph Healy	One Hundred & thirty acres	130.00
March 31. 1853.		<u>480.00</u>

N. T. Leonard

Melvin Copeland

Wm. V. Squires

} County

} Commissioners

Which report being read and considered is accepted and the road established as for a Public Highway.

The Mayor & Aldermen of Springfield to Alter Highway.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden

The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Springfield respectfully represent that at a meeting of the City Council on the sixth day of September last, it was voted that the Mayor & Aldermen request the New Haven, Hartford & Springfield Rail Road Corporation to have the Highway so constructed from the lower Ferry to main Street in said City, that the same may pass under said Rail way, that in pursuance of said vote a request in writing on

the Seventh day of said September was made on the
Eighth day of said September was delivered to one of
the Directors of said Road stating what was desired to
be done, together with Copies of the proceedings in the
matter, that the said Corporation have neglected and
refused to comply with said request;— Your
petitioners therefore pray the County Commissioners to
decide upon the reasonableness of said request, and
take such further action in the matter as the law
requires.

By order of the Mayor and Aldermen

Joseph Ingraham City Clerk

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the
County Commissioners holden for said County on the
first Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord English
Annus and fifty two, by adjournment on the 16th of the same month.

At which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of
premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would
meet for the purpose of said view at the Court House in
Springfield on Friday the seventeenth day of December
next at Nine o'clock A.M.; and it was ordered by the
County Commissioners that a Copy of said petition be
served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon
the Clerk of the City of Springfield in said County, and
upon the New Haven Hartford & Springfield Rail Road
Corporation, thirty days, at least, before the said seven-
teenth day of December and that all other persons and
Corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a
Copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the Daily
Republican a public newspaper printed in said County,
three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen
days at least before the time of said view, and it was
further ordered by the Commissioners, that Copies of said
petition or abstracts containing the substance thereof
and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or
Deputy, in two public places in the City of Springfield,
seven days before said seventeenth day of December.

And that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all per-
sons and Corporations interested that the County Com-
missioners desire a view of the premises expedient and

proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting.

And the Sheriff of said County makes his return as follows—

Hampden Co. Nov. 17. 1852

By virtue of the within order I this day served notice on the within named Corporation by delivering to C. W. Chapin a Director of said Corporation an attested copy of said order & petition, and on the same day posted notice containing the substance of said petition & order in the Post Office and Court House two public places in the City of Springfield.

John Miller Jr. Sheriff

Nov 17. 1852 Received Notice of the pendancy of the within Petition

Joseph Ingraham City Clerk of Springfield

And now the Commissioners make their Report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a Meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the First Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Fifty two.

On the Petition of the Mayor & Aldermen of the City of Springfield in said County then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that at a meeting of the City Council on the Sixth day of September last, it was voted that the Mayor & Aldermen request the New Haven Hartford & Springfield Railroad Corporation to have the Highway so constructed from the Lower Ferry to main street in said City, that the same may pass under said rail way,— That in pursuance of said Vote a request in writing on the Seventh day of said September was made, and on the Eighth day of said September was delivered to one of the Directors of said road stating what was desired to be done, together with copies of the proceedings in the matter, that said Corporation have neglected and refused to comply with said request; and praying the Commissioners to decide

upon the remembrance of such request and to take such further action in the matter as the law requires. — as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, according to a rule of the previous expedient, appointed Friday the seventeenth day of December then next, and nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Court House in Springfield as the time and place for viewing the premises: and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerk of the City of Springfield, being the City within which such alteration is prayed for — & also upon the New Haven Hartford & Springfield Rail Road Corporation, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view: and also caused abstracts of said petition containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said City: and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Daily Republican, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing Notice of the petitioners, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view. —

And on the said seventeenth day of December the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, when the said Mayor & Aldermen, and Rail Road Corporation appeared, and thereafter the said Commissioners proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view: and having heard the the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition: And after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that, the lowering of said highway is necessary for the security of the public, so that the same shall pass under said Rail Road, and that the said New Haven Hartford & Springfield Rail

Road Corporation, should on or before the first day of September next construct a passage way under said rail road, within the limits of said highway to be at least twelve feet in height and sixteen feet in width in the clear and that the said Rail Road Corporation pay the costs of the application taxed at forty seven dollars and forty eight cents.

N. J. Leonard

Melvin Cepelana

Wm V. Sepien

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which upon being read and considered is accepted & said passage way ordered to be constructed as aforesaid.

Hampden sp. May 3^d 1853. Judgment is entered up according to Reports &c, and all matters not acted on are ordered to be continued until this meeting is adjourned without day

Attest.

McMonis Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners
begun and holden at Springfield within and for the
said County on the fourth Tuesday of June being
the twenty eighth day of said month to the twenty
ninth day of said month, and by adjournment on
the twenty sixth day of July to the twenty seventh
day of July, and by adjournment on the seventh
day of September to the eighth day of said month in
the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty three

Present on the said twenty eighth day of June

Norman J Leonard Esq } Chairman
William V. Tappan " } Co Commissioners
Lucius F. Newton " }
Commissioners of the
Court of Probate of said County of Hampden

Capitane Esq. who has ceased to be an
inhabitant of said County of Hampden

William B. Calhoun, Alvin B. Morris, & George C. Gibbs
Esquires having been declared by the Board of Examiners
duly elected County Commissioners for the County of
Hampden and having been duly sworn; the said
Calhoun before Alvin B. Morris & George B. Morris Esquires
Commissioners to qualify civil officers. The said Morris
before Wm B. Calhoun & Geo B. Morris Esquires Com-
missioners to qualify civil officers; and the said
Gibbs before Norman J. Leonard and Geo B. Morris Esq
Commissioners to qualify civil officers, appeared on
the said twenty eighth day of June and proceeded
to the choice of a Chairman of said Board of Com-
missioners. The whole number of votes cast is three
William B. Calhoun has two and is chosen. The
Board thus constituted proceed to business.

Robert E. Bennis & Daniel G. White having been
declared Elected Special Commissioners, the said
White, was on the said twenty eighth day of June
sworn, before Wm B. Calhoun and George B. Morris Esq
Commissioners to qualify civil officers, and the said
Bennis was on the first day of August sworn

before Oliver B. Morris and George B. Morris Esqs. Commissioners to qualify Civil Officers.

Present on the said Seventeenth & Eighteenth days of September

Alburt Homer Esq.	} County Commissioners
Geo C Gibbs "	
Daniel G. White "	
instead of Wm. S. Colburn Esq. who is absent	

Benj A. Barclay
Pet for a jury
to estimate damages

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden.
Upon the application of the Amherst & Belchertown
Rail Road Corporation to you for assessment of damages on
land of Benjamin A. Barclay; the said Barclay being
agreed by your assessment says that after due
proceedings in the premises a jury may be duly
ordered to assess the said damages.

Oct 5. 1852.

Benjamin A. Barclay

The foregoing Petition was entered at a meeting of
the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within
and for said County on the first Tuesday of October
eighteen hundred and fifty two. — And this Petition
was continued from Meeting to Meeting to this Meeting
And now the Petitioner comes & moves the Hon
Board that his Petition may be dismissed
And now upon the motion of the petitioner
this Petition was dismissed.

Parlin Shuman
Pet for a jury to
estimate damages.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
upon the application of the Amherst and Belchertown
Rail Road Corporation to you for assessment of damages on land
of Parlin Shuman, the said Shuman being agreed by your
assessment says that after due proceedings in the premises
a jury may be duly summoned to assess the said
damages

Oct 5. 1852

Parlin Shuman

The foregoing Petition was entered at a meeting of the
County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and
for said County on the first Tuesday of October eighteen
hundred and fifty two. — And this Petition was
continued from Meeting to Meeting to this Meeting —

and now upon the motion of the petitioner, that
petition is ordered to be dismissed.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire
Upon the application of the Amherst & Belchertown Rail Road Corporation to you for assessment of damages, on land of Abner C. Murick, the said Murick being aggrieved by your assessment, prays that after due proceedings in the premises a jury may be duly ordered to assess the said damages.
Oct. 5. 1852. Abner C. Murick

Abner C. Murick
Petitioner
to
Estimate damages.

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners held at Springfield within and for said County on the first Tuesday of October eighteen hundred & fifty two, and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting.
And now upon the motion of the petitioner this petition is ordered to be dismissed.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire
The subscribers respectfully represent that public convenience and necessity require that a highway should be laid out from the line of Berkshire County in Blanford to a place near Salmon Falls in Russell where the turnpike of the Hampshire and Berkshire Turnpike Corporation was laid and upon the same ground and between the same termini with such changes in the road, or in either terminus, as the Commissioners may think proper, and they pray that proper proceedings may be had for this purpose and the road laid out and established.

Justus Kneet and
Petitioner
for a highway in
Blanford & Russell

July 11. 1853.

Justus Kneet and others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners held for said County on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord 1852 and by adjournment on the eleventh day of July 1853. At which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Gilbert Nye in Blanford on Thursday the seventeenth day of March next, at ten o'clock A.M.

and it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the clerks of the towns of Blandford and Rye in said County, thirty days at least before the said Seventeenth day of March and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the New London a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view, and it was further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the towns of Blandford and Rye fourteen days before said Seventeenth day of March, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid, and if at the time of such view the Commissioners shall determine that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petitioners should be granted, and if no person interested, shall object, the Commissioners will forthwith proceed to locate such highway without giving any further notice thereof.

And this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners helden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty three—

And the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows
Hampden Co. February 12. 1853— In obedience to the foregoing petition I this day notified the town clerks of Blandford and Rye by giving in hands an attested copy of this petition and order thereon, and also posting up in two places in said towns abstracts containing the substance thereof. — Justin Wilson Sheriff

At which meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on

the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty two, and by adjournment on the eleventh day of February eighteen hundred and fifty three, on the petition of Justus Key and another, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that public convenience and necessity require that a highway should be laid out from the line of Berkshire County in Blanford to a place near Salmon Falls in Russell where the Turnpike of the Hampden and Berkshire Turnpike was laid and upon the same ground and between the same termini with such changes in the road or in either terminus as the Commissioners may think proper, and praying that proper proceedings may be had and the road laid out and established; — as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient appointed Thursday the seventeenth day of March then next, and ten o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Gilbert Age in Blanford as the time and place for viewing the premises: and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerks of the towns of Blanford & Russell, being the towns within which such location is prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view: and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in each of said towns: and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the New Letter a Newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view: and in like manner that if at the time of such view the Commissioners should determine that common convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition should be granted, and if no person interested should object, they would then proceed to make such

location. — And on the said seventeenth day of March the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view: and it thereupon appearing that said Corporation had given their assent to the prayer of said Petition: and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said Petition: and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of said Petition should be granted: — The Town of Russell appeared by B. W. Palmer Esq before the Commissioners, and objected to location of said road being made at the time of said View.

A. J. Seannur } County
 Melvin Copeland } Commissioners
 Wm. V. Sepiens }

which report being read and considered was accepted and the road adjudged of Common Convenience and Necessity.

At which meeting the Commissioners, ordered, that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling-house of William D. Mallory in Russell on Wednesday the eighteenth day of May next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said Highway, by publishing an abstract of said Petition and this order therein, in the Westfield News Letter a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said eighteenth day of May.

And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerks of the towns of Blanford and Russell with a copy of said Petition and this order, thirty days at least — and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said towns of Blanford and Russell fourteen days at least before the said eighteenth day of May, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said Highway, and will hear all persons and Corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and assess such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said road. —

And this petition was continued to this meeting. — And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows:

Hampden Co April 18 1853 — As within directed I delivered to the Town Clerks of Blandford and Russell to each one a true and attested copy of the within petition and order of Court: and also posted up two abstracts in public places in each of said towns of Blandford and Russell containing the substance of said petition and order as herein required.

Patrick Boise Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows: —

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and fifty two. —

On the petition of Justus Knox & another there presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the public convenience and necessity require that a highway should be laid out from the line of Berkshire County in Blandford to a place near Salmon Falls in Russell where the turnpike of the Hampden & Berkshire Turnpike Corporation was laid and upon the same ground and between the same termini with such changes in the road, or in either terminus as the Commissioners may think proper and praying that proper proceedings might be had for this purpose and the road laid out and established as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, during a view of the premises expressed appointed Thursday the seventeenth day of March there next and ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Gilbert Nye in Blandford as the time and place for viewing the premises: and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Clerks of the towns of Blandford & Russell being the towns within which such location is prayed for,

thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view: and also caused abstracts of said petitions, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in each of said towns: and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the New Britain, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said seventeenth day of March the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the second Tuesday of April then next at which meeting the parties were heard and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the Common Convenience and necessity require that the prayer of said petition should be granted, and the said Hampshire and Berkshire Turnpike Corporation having given their assent that said turnpike or such part as the Commissioners may think expedient, after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Wednesday the eighteenth day of May then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of William D. Mallory in said Rapet as the time and place where and where they would meet and proceed to locate said highway and the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for such location in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view [except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof] on the said eighteenth day of May met and proceeded to locate said highway as follows viz.

Commencing at a point in Maple bearing forty & a quarter degrees
West two rods from a Stone standing on the Eastern side of the
road, northward of William E. Mallory's dwelling house and
then running the center line of the highway as located, the
angles on the right hand or northern side having stone mon-
uments set in the ground where other monuments are not
referred to, North forty nine & three quarter degrees West
ninety four rods: then North seventy degrees West eighteen
rods and twenty links; then North seventy seven degrees
West fifty five rods & twenty two links: then North eighty
three degrees West fourteen rods and ten links: then
North forty eight & a half degrees West sixteen rods: then
North eighty four & three quarter degrees West twenty rods;
then South eighty six & three quarter degrees West eight
rods: then South fifty eight & one third degrees West
ten rods: then South sixty nine degrees West, twelve
rods and twelve links, to a point near the top of the
hill opposite Vesters Parkers saw Mill: then North sixty
nine & a quarter degrees West, twelve rods & sixteen links:
then North fifty eight & a quarter degrees West five
rods & sixteen links to a small brook bridge: then
South seventy four & three quarter degrees West,
sixteen rods and sixteen links: then North eighty
one degrees West ten rods: then North thirty nine
& a half degrees West, six rods & sixteen links: then
North nineteen and a quarter degrees West, four
rods & twelve links: then North forty nine degrees
West four rods: then North sixty degrees & forty minutes
West, ten rods: then North nineteen & a half degrees
West, twenty eight rods: then North forty six & one
sixth degrees West twenty seven rods: then North
sixty six & three fourth degrees West, thirty two rods
to a point opposite the north east corner of Holmes
Saw Mill: then North fifty four & a quarter degrees
West eighteen rods & eight links: then North sixty
seven degrees West, eight rods & twelve links, then
South eighty nine & three quarter degrees West, thirty
three rods & six links to a point in front of Bishop's
Saw Mill: then North fifty six degrees & five
minutes West, forty four rods to a point in front
of Lucas R. Bishop's dwelling house: then North fifty

seven degrees & twenty five minutes West, thirty four
 rods & fifteen links. — Thus far the road is located four
 rods wide: then North seventy four & a quarter degrees
 West, twenty seven rods & fifteen links to station number
 twenty six; At the beginning of this station the road is
 located four rods wide and narrowed so as to be three rods
 wide at the end of the station: then North seventy eight
 & a quarter degrees West, five rods & eleven links on the old
 Turnpike & land of Sheldon Brownson; beginning the stations
 anew and calling this station number one: then running
 North sixty three & a half degrees West, eighteen rods
 & fifteen links on land of said Brownson: then North
 fifty three & a quarter degrees West, twenty eight rods
 & ten links on land of Benjamin J. Brackett, Jacob Black
 & wife and Sheldon Brownson & wife; then on land of said
 Brownson North sixty six & three quarter degrees West,
 four rods: then North eighty six degrees & thirty five
 minutes West seventeen rods & eleven links to land of
 William Holmes; then North eighty degrees West, thirty
 five rods & four links on land of said Holmes and land
 of James Bishop: then North sixty one & one sixth degrees
 West thirty four rods on land of said Bishop, Holmes &
 George Noble: then on said Noble North fifty eight degrees
 west four rods and fifteen links: then South eighty seven
 & three fourth degrees west, eight rods & twenty links to
 land of David Parker: then on land of said Parker
 South seventy six degrees & a quarter West, twenty two
 rods & fourteen links; then South seventy one degrees
 West eighteen rods: then North seventy two degrees
 West ten rods & five links to station twelve. — From
 the end of station twenty six to this point the road is
 laid three rods wide, and the monuments are placed
 one & a half rods from the line run. Then North
 sixty nine degrees & thirty five minutes West, twenty
 four rods on station number thirteen. — On this
 station the road widens to four rods at the westerly
 end thereof. — then North sixty seven degrees & ten minutes
 West eighty rods to a point opposite the dwelling house
 of Jacob Heath: then North sixty three degrees & a quarter
 West forty rods: — then North sixty five degrees & thirty
 five minutes West forty rods on station number sixteen. —

From Station number thirteen the road is four rods wider the line now being in the center— then north fifty one & three quarters degrees west six rods and nine links partly on the township & partly on land of James Clark on Station number seventeen: at the westerly end of this Station the road narrows to three rods.— then on land of said Clark north forty degrees west eight rods:— then north forty four & one sixth degrees west, six rods & seven links:— then north twenty & a quarter degrees west nine rods & three links to the line between Russell & Blountford.

The Commissioners give the following directions for constructing that part of said highway lying in Russell co.

All stumps roots bushes logs & rocks must be taken out and removed far enough from the road bed to prevent their falling into the ditches: all ledge that does not require to be excavated must have a covering of earth of at least ten inches:— substantial railing must be put up at all points where the safety of the traveller may seem to require it.— The rails to be not less than four inches diameter at the smallest end and securely fastened to posts firmly imbedded in the ground, or rocks, or trees.

On Station Number one, an excavation will be required at the top of the hill, of at least four feet and the road is to be so worked on this Station that the grade thereof shall at no point exceed five degrees.— All Culverts unless different specific directions are hereinafter given will be required to be of stone, eighteen inches square in the clear and of the width of the road bed.— The foundations to be of flat stone running across the opening and under the side walls at least six inches, the sides to be one & a half feet high, and to be covered with flat stones at least five inches thick and three feet long and all sluices to be covered with earth to the depth of at least five inches and to be so constructed when it is practicable without ledge excavation, so as not to interfere with the grade of the road.

Two Culverts will be required on each of the two first

Stations. — On Station number two at or near the point of intersection with the road to Simon Malloys, the ledge running across the road, must be excavated to the depth of at least two feet in the highest part thereof. —

On Station number three the bridge across the Pond Brook will require new timber and plank & railing on each side. — Eastward of the bridge an embankment will be required to run on a true grade from the bridge fifty feet. — All the timber and plank used about any of the bridges are to be of Chestnut or white or yellow Oak and the plank to be not less than two & a half inches thick. —

One Culvert will be required on Station four. — On Station number five rock excavation will be required sufficient to make a good road bed, and the road bed when large excavation is required may be narrowed to fifteen feet exclusive of ditches. —

On Station number six a bridge will be required three feet square in the clear, the bottom to be of plank laid transversely and the side walls to be at least two feet thick. — From Station six to Station number ten, the grade is not to exceed Six & a half degrees in any place. — Near the end of Station number nine on the brow of the Hill nearly opposite Westons Ponds saw mill, a rock excavation will be required of at least four feet, the road bed to be carried southward of the present road bed as far as practicable over a true grade run from Station number nine to Station eleven at the little bridge by carrying the road bed southward & in some places entirely South of the present road bed. — At Station number eleven a bridge will be required three feet square in the clear, constructed in the same manner as the bridge on Station number six. — From Station number eleven to number eighteen considerable rock excavation will be required. — The ledge must be covered with earth to the depth of at least ten inches. —

On the stations last mentioned no part of the road bed when completed is to be allowed to exceed a grade

of six & three quarter square. Two Culverts will be required
on these Stations. Another on Station number nineteen
a little below the spring on the westerly side of the
road. On Station number twenty a Culvert two
feet square in the clear will be required. The bottom to be
of flat stone to run at least six inches under the side
walls, the top covering to be of Stone five inches thick
and at least three & a half feet long, the side walls to
be one & a half feet thick and to be of the length of the
travelled path. On Station twenty one, rock
excavation will be required.

The bridge near Holmes Saw mill will require
new timber and plank and railing, and the road
bed to be made a true grade at least fifty feet
from each side of said bridge. Some rock
excavation will also be required.

From Station number twenty one, to end of Station
number twenty four.

The bridge near Bishop's Saw mill requires new
planking and railing. On Station twenty
five a Culvert will be required. On Station
number twenty six a Culvert will be required
two & a half feet high, and two feet between
the walls. The side walls of stone to be two
feet thick. The top, bottom & covering to be the
same as the one on Station number twenty.
From this Station, the Stations number anew,
and beginning and running on the said Stations;
on number one a bridge will be required the
height of the present bridge, and carried further
north, the side walls to be at least two
& a half feet thick and seventeen feet long
and twelve feet in the clear, with suitable
rings for sustaining the embankment,
the top of the bridge to be at least sixteen
feet wide. With a substantial railing on
each side of the bridge and embankments.
The embankments to be as high as the bridge,
and run on a level therefrom.

From Stations one to five a new road will
be constructed over the lands of Sheldon Benson.

and thus the road to be so constructed as that no portion of it shall be lower than the bridge, on Station number one.

On Station number one a Culvert will be required. On Station number six a new bridge will be required across the Brook to be eight feet above the ordinary height of the water, of the same dimensions in other respects as the bridge on Station number one, each end of the bridge to have an embankment so that there shall be no ascent to get on to the bridge. — A Culvert two feet square in the clear will be required to be constructed as that on Station number twenty. —

A Culvert will be required on Station number seven and the road bed on George Miller land to be raised above freshets and secured on the back side from the action of water. — On Stations 8 & 9 a bank wall will be required for such distance as it may be necessary to protect the road. — A Bridge will be required four feet high and six feet in the clear, the walls to be two feet in thickness with suitable wing walls. —

Stations ten & eleven, on part of these stations the road bed must be well raised with the surface soil and one foot of good hardening will be required in addition upon that portion lying in the meadow. —

On Station Twelve excavation will be required to connect with the old travelled path. —

On Station fourteen two Culverts will be required and the Hill Eastward of Sabley Heath's house is to be so worked as not to exceed a grade of five degrees.

On Station fifteen it will be required to run a true grade from twenty four rods Westward of Station fourteen — an embankment of about three feet will be required on the bridge over which it crosses and at a point four rods Eastward of the bridge there must be an excavation of eighteen inches. The bridge must be constructed entirely of stone, the walls to be twenty feet long with parapets on each side eighteen inches in height and width.

On Station sixteen a Sluice will be required — On the Westward end the road must be constructed more Northwardly to avoid the bridges in the present road bed and the grade

of the hills on this station will not be allowed to exceed six & a quarter degrees in any place.

On Stations Seventeen, eighteen nineteen & twenty the location leaves the old travelled path and runs on land of James Colvins and the road is to be so constructed that there shall be no descent in going Westward.

The entire road will be required to be widened and will throw up and constructed in such a manner that the water will pass into the ditches without mounds, none of which are to be constructed upon the road. All sudden elevations are to be removed and depressions filled up and the grade of all hills not above defined are to be brought to a grade not exceeding six degrees.

Stone slivers not less than eighteen inches square of the description above mentioned are to be provided at all points not specifically mentioned where it may be found necessary to pass the water from one side of the road to the other.

All the work must be done in a thorough substantial and skilful manner and to the satisfaction of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of October next.

The Owners of lands over which said Highway is located are allowed until the first day of August next to remove their wood, timber, trees & buildings therefrom.

The said Commissioners hereby order and direct that in case said road shall be constructed by said Town of Rupert agreeable to the foregoing directions and within the time therein limited, its speedy completion being necessary to the safety of the public, there shall be allowed and paid to said Town One half of the expense of constructing said road.

Then Commencing the location of that part of said Highway that lies in Blountford at Rupert line on land of James Colvins and running the centre line of location North Seventy & a quarter degrees West thirty four rods and seven links, partly on land of said Colvins, and partly on the township. (four rods and seven links) — On this course and

distance, the road is laid three rods wide: then running South eighty one and three quarter degrees West twenty three rods and eight links in station number twenty one. — On this station the road widens to four rods wide at the West end: — Then North eighty four & a quarter degrees West fourteen rods: — then South eighty eighty one degrees & thirty five minutes west, eight rods: then North Seventy three & a quarter degrees West, twelve rods: then South eighty five & a half degrees West, fourteen rods: — then North eighty five degrees West, thirteen rods and eight links: — then South eighty one degrees West twenty three rods: then North, Seventy & a quarter degrees West Seven rods: — then North Seventy three degrees & ten minutes West, nineteen rods to a point in line with the West end side of Giles Doytons dwelling house: — then North Seventy five & a half degrees West, twenty seven rods and six links: — then North eighty two & three quarter degrees West, seventeen rods & three links: — then North eighty nine degrees & thirty five minutes West, twenty one rods & sixteen links: then North twenty nine degrees West, ninety six rods: — then North fifty nine degrees West, nine rods and twenty one links to a point bearing South thirty one degrees west two rods from an Oak tree, standing West of the Old Toll House: then North forty & a half degrees West, twenty rods: then North thirty six & one sixth degrees West eighteen rods & nineteen links: — then North fifty four & a half degrees West, ten rods: — then North sixty eight & a quarter degrees West, fifty six rods & twenty links: — then North fifty one & five sixths degrees West, eighteen rods: — then North forty one & three quarter degrees West, twelve rods & eighteen links: — then North sixty one & three quarter degrees West, thirty four rods & seventeen links: — then North fifty three & five sixths degrees West, sixteen rods & eleven links: — then North forty five & one sixth degrees West, forty rods & fifteen links: — then North thirty seven degrees West, twenty four rods in station number forty four: — then North forty four & three quarter degrees West eight rods: — then North twenty seven & a half degrees West, twelve rods: then North twenty five & a half degrees West, nineteen rods & fourteen links: then far

from station number forty four, the road is altered and the
southerly part of it runs on land of Carter Knees; then
following the old road, North forty one degrees & twenty four
minutes west, twenty rods; then North forty three
degrees west twenty four rods; then North sixty three & three
quarter degrees West, fifteen rods; then North sixty seven
& one third degrees West six rods & twenty two links; then
North fifty five & five sixth degrees West forty rods to a
point in line with the Easterly side of David P. Robinsons
Store, then North fifty seven degrees & five minutes West
sixty six rods & ten links; then North eighty four
degrees & five minutes West, thirteen rods; then North
Twenty one & a quarter degrees West, eleven rods and
fifteen links; then North fifty four degrees West
One hundred & thirty nine rods; then North forty
& a half degrees West, forty seven rods & thirteen links
to a point two rods Southwesterly corner of Thomas S
Chaffers pasture; then North thirty four degrees West,
forty rods; then North twenty eight degrees West,
eighty rods; then North twenty seven & a half degrees
West, thirty rods; then North thirty one degrees West,
fifty eight rods & eleven links; then North twenty
six degrees West, forty two rods; then North thirty
three degrees West forty seven rods; then North forty
degrees & twenty four minutes West fifty rods & ten
links; then North thirty & a half degrees West, fifty
six rods; then North twenty seven and a half degrees
West, forty five rods to a point opposite Joseph
Outleys house; then North Twenty seven & one
sixth degrees West, thirty six rods & eighteen links;
then North twenty four & a quarter degrees West,
forty four rods; then North twenty one degrees & five
minutes West, fifty five rods; then North sixty eight
& a half degrees West, eighteen rods & thirteen links;
then North fifty seven & one sixth degrees West, four
rods & fifteen links; then North forty seven & three
quarter degrees West, fifty two rods & four links;
then North forty nine degrees West, fifty six rods;
then North forty one & one third degrees West, ten
rods; then North thirty one degrees & five minutes
West, six rods; then North twenty two degrees &

thirty five minutes West, twenty six rods:— Then North
 forty four & one third degrees West, fifty three rods:— Then
 North forty & one sixth degrees West, forty rods:— Then
 North fifteen degrees West, fifteen rods:— Then North twenty
 nine & a half degrees West, seventeen rods & ten links:—
 Then North forty five & one third degrees West, forty three
 rods & eleven links to a point two rods from the Southwest
 corner of Vincent Bradleys Garden:— Thus far from Station
 number twenty one in Blansford the road is laid four
 rods wide:— From the end of this station, the line run is
 two rods Southwesterly from the Northerly or right hand
 side of the road to the Otis Town line:— Then North
 forty seven & three quarters degrees West, twelve rods & sixteen
 links on Station eighty two, on this station the road
 narrows to three & a half rods wide at the Westerly end:—
 Then North twenty two degrees West, eight rods & seven
 links:— The road on this station is three & a half rods
 wide:— Then North fifty seven & one sixth degrees
 West, ten rods on Station eighty four:— On this station
 the road narrows to three rods in width at the
 Westerly end:— Then North fifty five degrees West,
 thirty two rods:— Then North fifty two degrees West,
 twelve rods:— Then North forty two & a quarter degrees
 West, sixteen rods:— Then North fifty nine degrees &
 ten minutes West twenty nine rods & seven links to
 Station number eighty eight:— Thus far from Station
 eighty four the road is laid three rods wide:—
 Then North fifty six & a half degrees West twenty five
 rods on station number eighty nine:— On this station
 the road widens to four rods at the Westerly end
 and continues four rods in width to the Otis line:—
 Then North sixty four degrees & five minutes West,
 twenty four rods:— Then North fifty six & one sixth
 degrees West, twelve rods:— Then South seventy seven
 degrees & fifty five minutes West, twenty six rods:—
 Then North eighty seven & a half degrees West, thirteen
 rods:— Then North fifty six & a half degrees West,
 sixteen rods:— Then North forty nine & three
 quarter degrees West, thirteen rods:— Then North sixty
 five & three quarter degrees West, twenty two rods
 and ten links:— Then South seventy one & a

half degrees west, thirty one rods:— Then north eighty
eight degrees west, twenty eight rods & ten links:—
Then north eighty seven & a half degrees west, ten rods
& eighteen links to a point in line of the westerly side
of Mr Peckhams dwelling house:— Then north seventy
seven degrees west nine rods:— Then north sixty
degrees west, sixteen rods:— Then north sixty nine
& three quarter degrees west, ten rods & ten links:—
Then north thirty nine & three quarter degrees west,
eight rods:— Then north sixty degrees west,
twenty rods & ten links; then north twenty nine
degrees west, sixteen rods & eleven links:— Then
north thirty one & three quarter degrees west, eight
rods & five links:— Then north forty seven degrees
west, eleven rods:— Then north fifty two degrees
west twelve rods:— Then north sixty four degrees
west, seven rods to a point near the easterly end
of the watering trough; Then south seventy one
degrees west, eighteen rods: Then north eighty four
degrees west, seven rods & five links: Then north
fifty & three quarter degrees west, eight rods: Then
north thirty one & a quarter degrees west, twenty eight
rods: Then north fifty three & one sixth degrees
west twenty two rods & ten links: Then north forty
one degrees west, sixteen rods; then north eighty five
& a quarter degrees west, twenty five rods & fifteen links:
Then north sixty two & one sixth degrees west twenty
four rods to the line between the Town of Blanford
& Otter.—

The following directions are given for working that part
of said Highway which lies in the Town of Blanford.

One Station number Twenty a new road will be con-
-structed and near Hapfull line the road bed must
be excavated about three feet.— In the Old Tail Race
a culvert will be required two feet square.— The foun-
-dation to be flat stones running at least six inches
under each wall.— The walls to be one & a half feet in
thickness & sixteen feet in length.— The covering stone
to be at least six inches thick & three & a half feet
long and to be covered with earth at least five
inches thick.— All Culverts two feet square hereafter

mentioned will be constructed in the same manner. Across the low ground an embankment will be required of from one and a half to three feet in height.

The bridge across the Brook on Station twenty one will require new planking & railing. On Station twenty six a Culvert two feet square will be required and the hill brought to a grade not exceeding five degrees.

On Station twenty seven, there will be no descending grade to the bridge. On Station number twenty eight, the road bed must be carried northward to avoid the hill East of the Bridge. On Station number twenty eight the bridge near Dayton's Shop will require a new covering and railing, and the road bed so constructed Easterly from the bridge that there shall be no ascending grade to Station twenty seven, and no grade on this Station Westerly of the bridge is to exceed four degrees.

On Station Number thirty two Culverts two feet square will be required, the covering stone to be five inches thick and three feet long. On Station thirty two the Bridge across the brook will require a new covering and railing and fill on each side, so that there shall be no descent at either side.

On Station thirty three, two Culverts will be required each two feet between the walls, and three feet high. The side walls to be two feet thick, and the bottom and top to be the same as the Culverts two feet square.

On each of the Stations numbered thirty five, thirty six & thirty seven, a Culvert eighteen inches square will be required. On Station thirty eight two sluices will be required eighteen inches square.

A new bridge will be required West of Benjamin Waterman's house. The walls to be six feet wide in the clear, sixteen feet in length and two and a half feet in thickness with suitable wings to sustain the embankments.

The bridge to be at least eighteen inches higher than the present one and to be so embanked that there shall be no descent from the bridge. On Stations number forty one & forty two. The hill Easterly of Justice Knapp's house is to be filled at the foot of the hill so that the grade shall not exceed six degrees. No excavation to be made at the top of the hill.

On Station forty three the hill eastward of Stephen Buntins house is to be embanked at the foot of the hill and without excavation at the top so that the grade shall not exceed six degrees. — From Station number forty four to Station number forty seven the road bed will be carried South-westerly to avoid the ledge in the present travelled path, and at Station forty six the road should be constructed entirely southerly of the present travelled path. — From Station forty four to Station forty six, the road bed is to be worked so as to make a true grade.

From twenty rods on station forty nine, to Station fifty one to be brought to a true grade. From station fifty one to a point opposite Shepards Store, the road bed is to be twenty five feet wide on the top.

On station fifty six there is to be an embankment on each side of the dry bridge so that there shall be no descent from the bridge either way: Two Culverts eighteen inches square in the clear will be required on this station.

On Station fifty seven, one Culvert, and on Station fifty nine four Culverts will be required, each to be eighteen inches square in the clear.

On Station sixty three a bridge will be required; the walls to be eight feet in the clear with covering & railing as the other bridges. — Also a Culvert two & a half feet square in the clear. — The foundation of stone, the side walls to be two feet thick, two & a half feet high and sixteen feet long, the covering stone to be six inches thick & four feet long and covered with earth at least five inches thick the road on part of this station will require to be raised eighteen inches. — On Station sixty four

a bridge will be required six feet between the abutments and three feet high in the clear, the abutments to be two feet thick & sixteen feet long & covered with plank, with a sufficient railing. —

The bridge at first Branch must be lengthened to seventeen feet with suitable wings to sustain the embankment: the covering to be new and of

the width of the travelled path. — On this Station an embankment will be required on the flat varying in height from one to two feet. — On Station number sixty seven — the bridge walls near Joseph Collings house must be lengthened so as to make the covering as wide as the travelled path, viz. sixteen feet. — and timber and plank will be required. — On Station sixty eight one Culvert eighteen inches square will be required.

On Stations Seventy two & Seventy three one Culvert will be required two feet square in the clear and three Culverts eighteen inches square in the clear. — On Station Seventy six one Culvert eighteen inches square in the clear. — On Station Seventy seven one Culvert two feet square, and one eighteen inches square, and on Station eighty one, one Culvert two feet square, all of the above sizes, in the clear, will be required.

The Bridge Walls East of the house of John D. Collier must be lengthened so as to admit a covering sixteen feet in width. — On Station West of Nyes Hotel the bridge walls must be lengthened so that the bridge shall be twenty feet wide between the railing. —

On Station eighty eight a Bridge will be required four feet between the abutments outside walls & two & a half feet high in the clear. — the walls to be two feet thick and sixteen feet long. — the covering timber and plank to comprise the same width as that of the travelled path. — This Station ends at Linus Shapards House. — Almost the whole distance across the flat embankment will be required varying from one to two feet in height.

On Station number ninety one a Culvert eighteen inches square in the clear will be required. — On Station ninety two a Bridge will be required to be ten feet between the abutment walls, sixteen feet long two & a half feet high & two feet thick. — The superstructure to be sixteen feet wide. — A Culvert will be required eighteen inches square in the clear. — Almost the entire length of this Station an embankment must be made varying from one to two feet in height. —

On Stations ninety four & ninety five a Culvert eighteen inches square in the clear must be constructed on each.

Two Culverts of the same size must be constructed on Station ninety seven, and two more of the same description on Station ninety eight. — On Station one hundred & four and one hundred & five being on the hill Westward of Lyman R. Norton's house, it will be necessary to excavate the top of the hill three feet, and to make the excavation so wide on the westerly side, that a large gutter or ditch may be made to take the water from the Springs that issue from the bank. — A Culvert eighteen inches square in the clear and so placed as to take all the water coming from the bank at all seasons of the year when it may be necessary to pass therein. — The slope of the bank when finished must be at least one & a half feet base to one foot rise to prevent the ditch filling with earth from the bank. — The excavation must be used on the hill so as to make a uniform grade from top to bottom.

On each of the Stations numbered one hundred & five, and one hundred & nine, a Culvert eighteen inches square in the clear will be required. — On Station one hundred & ten a Culvert three feet high & two feet wide in the clear will be required, to be built of stone the bottom and top to be of the same description as the Culverts two feet square — This Culvert is near the retaining trough.

All bridges and embankments as well as Steep & dangerous declivities must be protected by substantial railing. — That which is put by the road side to be not less than three inches in diameter at the smallest end, and to be firmly fastened to posts well sunk in the ground or to rocks or trees.

All Stumps roots bushes trees, large stones & rocks are to be taken out of the road bed & removed so far that they will not fall into the ditches by the action of frost; and all large that is not required to be excavated must have a covering of earth of at least ten inches in depth.

No mounds will be allowed in any part but the

same is to be so worked or thrown up the entire distance that the water will pass readily from the center to the ditch at all points, and whenever it may be necessary to pass the water from one side of the road to the other, sluices eighteen inches square in the clear and constructed as before directed are to be provided at those points where specific instructions have not before been given.

All bridge plank must be of Chestnut or white or yellow Oak and at least two & a half inches thick.

No part of any hills are to be allowed to exceed a grade of six degrees. — All such portions of the road as appear to be sandy are to be hardened with some suitable material to the depth of at least six inches.

In constructing the road near buildings care must be taken to construct the road so as to make the passage ways to and from the buildings convenient.

The owners of land over which said Highway is located are allowed until the first day of August next to remove their wood, timber, trees and buildings therefrom.

All the materials required in the execution of this order must be of good quality and well adapted to the purpose and all the work must be performed in a thorough substantial and workmanlike manner and to the satisfaction of the County Commissioners on or before the first day of October next.

The Commissioners direct that one eighth part of the expense of constructing the said Highway in Blanford be paid from the County Treasury provided the same is constructed within the time and in the manner provided in this order so far as regards said town of Blanford. —

Having located said Highway and heard all persons who desired to be heard upon the question of damages the Commissioners proceeded to estimate the same as follows viz.

To Sheldan Brinson in his own right and in right of

his wife, Am hundred & thirty two dollars & thirty two cents } 132.32

" Benjamin I Bracket twenty nine dollars & thirty seven cents } 29.37

" John Black & wife in her right twenty nine dollars & thirty seven cents } 29.37

	and list of	191.06
To William Holmes Twenty eight dollars & fifty Cents		78.50
James Bishop Forty four dollars		44.00
David Parker One hundred & fifty three dollars and Twenty five Cents		153.25
Estherina Tyler Five dollars wife of Wm. H. Tyler		5.00
James Clark One hundred & three dollars		103.00
The Hampden & Berkshire Turnpike Corporation and John F. Collier for the franchise / Two hundred & fifty dollars		250.00
George Shuttleff twenty dollars		20.00
Curtis Knott twenty seven dollars		27.00
		<u>871.81</u>

May 18. 1853

N. J. Leonard }
Melvin Cepelana } County
Wm. B. Sefious } Commissioners

which report being read and considered is accepted
and the road established as a public highway.

The votes for County Treasurer of the County of
Hampden having been counted it appears, that the
whole number of votes is two thousand and sixty
four necessary for a choice, one thousand and thirty
three. William Rice has two thousand and fifty
six and is declared by the County Commissioners
Chosen.

William Rice Esq. having been declared elected
County Treasurer, now appears and is sworn to the
faithful discharge of his duties by the Chairman,
and gives bond to the acceptance of the County
Commissioners.

William Steve Esq. is appointed Overseer of
the House of Correction in place of John B
Kirkham.

Doctor Henry R. Vail is appointed Physician to
attend the persons in the jail and the House of
Correction for the year ensuing from the first of July
1853, at the sum of forty dollars, the the State agreeing to furnish

The following persons are licensed as Auctioneers at the places set against their names without Authority to sell any intoxicating liquors. June 29th 1853
 Gilbert Nye at his house in North Blanford
 Erastus B. Allen near Springfield Bridge West Springfield
 George C. Homer Northwesterly side of Common Springfield
 E. Boardman Shaw Naperwanna House Palmer

Ordered that the Clerk notify the town of Monson to pay to the County Treasury the sum of two hundred & eight dollars & nine Cents within thirty days from June twenty eighth, with interest thereon at 10 per cent it being the expense of writing a highway list in said town.

Clark B. Hale is licensed as a common victualler in the Suffolk Block Mettenague West Springfield July 27th 1853

\$ 1231.25

Tuesday accounts against the County being now presented for allowance amounting to the sum of One thousand two hundred & thirty one dollars & twenty eight Cents are allowed and ordered to be paid out of the County Treasury.

\$ 12.00

The following persons are allowed the sums set against their names in full for damages to lands by the location of Highways, and the County Treasury is ordered to pay the same amounting to the sum of twelve dollars viz,

In Elmer's location Strong - 10m 11 blocks per 1

\$ 12.00

Hampden Co. September 8th 1853. Judgment is entered up according to reports &c, and all matters not acted on are ordered to be continued and this meeting is adjourned without day
 Attest.

Geo B. Morse's Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and
helden at Springfield within and for the said County on the
first Tuesday of October being the seventh day of said month
to the fifth day of said month and by adjournment on
the twenty second day of November to the twenty third
day of November

Present Alured Homer Esq. } County
George C Gibbs " } Commissioners
Robert E Bensus Special Commis-
sioner in place of Wm B. Calhoun Esq
who is absent.

And by adjournment on the twenty fifth day of
November in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and fifty three

Present William B Calhoun Esq } County
Alured Homer Esq } Commis-
George C Gibbs Esq } sioners

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
The Subscriber, one of the heirs of Jonathan Dwight,
late of Springfield, deceased, whose land your Board
has ordered to be taken for the widening of State Street
in Springfield, aggrieved at the extent of land taken and
the inadequate damages allowed, in your several appeals
from your decisions, and asks that a jury may be
called to determine the matter of his Complaint
Springfield Oct 5 1850 Fred. Dwight.

Frederick Dwight
Pet for Jury
to estimate damages.
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The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County
Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County
on the first Tuesday of October Eighteen hundred and fifty
at which meeting the prayer of said petition was refused because
the other tenants in common have not joined

In the Commissioners for the County of
Hampden, The Subscriber heirs of Jonathan Dwight
late of Springfield deceased whose lands have been taken
by your board for alterations in the widening of State Street
in said Springfield, feeling aggrieved at the discussion in the
alterations required and at the inadequate damages

Jonathan Dwight
Pet for Jury
to estimate damages

awarded. appeal from your decision and pray that a jury may be called to determine the matter of their Complaint

Oct 2^d 1850

William Dwight

Thomas Dwight by counsel

Jonathan Dwight

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County on the first Tuesday of October Eighteen Hundred and fifty. At which meeting the prayer of said petition was refused.

In the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire

The Subscribers Heirs of the late Jonathan Dwight of Springfield deceased whose lands have been taken by your board for alterations in State Street Springfield, feeling aggrieved at the extent of lands taken by your decision, and at the inadequate damages awarded therefore, appeal from your decision, and pray that a jury may be called to adjudicate the question, and determine the matter of their Complaint

Fred Dwight

Lucinda Chapman

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and for said County on the first Tuesday of October Eighteen Hundred and fifty. At which meeting the prayer of said petition was refused.

The same petitions of Jonathan Dwight & others were continued from meeting to meeting to the meeting of said Commissioners holden on the second Tuesday of April Eighteen Hundred and fifty two, at which meeting George Wip & Mary his wife and William Dwight & Jonathan Dwight as they are trustees of the estate of the minor heirs of Sarah Banwell and who are interested in the estate on which said highway has been laid, appeared for the purpose of becoming parties to the proceedings under said petition; and having appeared they waived notice thereof.

At the term of the Supreme Judicial Court held at Springfield aforesaid on the fifth Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord One thousand eight Hundred and fifty one the said petitioners presented their petition for a writ of Mandamus commanding the said County Commissioners to order and allow to said petitioners a jury or juries to

have and act upon the matter of said Complaint &c. — and
after due proceedings therein, it was ordered at the term of said Court
held at Northampton within and for the County of Hampshire
and for the Countess of Hampshire & Franklin, on the Monday
next preceding the fourth Tuesday of September in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one,
that a mandamus issue to the respondents commanding
them to issue a warrant for a Jury to assess damages only.

The proceedings in issuing said Warrant to be
conformable to the provisions of Chap 24 Sec 48 to 53
inclusion of Revised Statutes.

It was thereupon ordered that the Sheriff of said County
Summon a Jury of twelve men to hear and determine the
matter of damages, and a warrant was duly issued on
the fifth day of May A.D. 1852 which is on file.

Went at the term of the Court of Common Pleas, holden
at Springfield within and for the County of Hampshire on the
Second Monday of June in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and fifty two. — The Sheriff of said
County made his return as follows.

Pursuant to this warrant I made application to the
Selectmen of the towns of Longmeadow, Chicopee & West Springfield
three nearest disinterested towns in said County, requiring
them to draw from the jury Box the names of four
good and lawful men for each of said towns, to serve
on the jury herein ordered, and the said Selectmen make
due return of said application as follows, to wit, Giles I. Chapin,
Oliver Keck, Hiram Danks, & Horatio A. Pratt were returned
from Chicopee; Lemuel Chandler, Jacob Hills, Gustus Allen &
William Simonds, were returned from West Longmeadow;
Daniel G. White, Enock Leonard, Daniel Merrill & Newbury
Norton were returned from the town of West Springfield. As
appears by the Certificates of the Selectmen of each of
said towns herewith presented. And on the Second
day of June A.D. 1852 I caused the said persons so
returned as Jurors to be summoned to appear before me
on Thursday the tenth day of June A.D. 1852 at nine o'clock
A.M. at the Court House in Springfield, and on
the third day of June aforesaid, I notified the said parties
concerned to wit, the petitioners within named, and
Hermon J. Leonard Esq. who was appointed by the County

Conspicuous to act as the agent of the County in the premises,
 And on the same day Patrick Baird Esq. appointed to
 preside on said trial, of the time & place of committing
 said Jury, And on the said tenth day of June A.D. 1852
 I proceeded to empanel said jury who were duly sworn
 as certified by Patrick Baird Esq. and after said jury had
 chosen a foreman by ballot and fully heard the parties, I
 caused them to be by themselves, where they agreed upon and
 sealed up their verdict in the premises, which is herewith returned
 into Court

Justin Wilson Sheriff

And said Verdict so returned is in the words following
 to wit,

Hampden Sp.

Jonathan Dwight & others Petitioners for a jury
 against the County of Hampden

In the above named case the jury found the whole
 amount of damages done to the entire estate of the petitioners by
 the alteration of the Highway in locating the same over
 their land, deducting the benefits derived to them by the
 alteration as set off: to be eight hundred and ten dollars
 and eighty eight cents; And they appraised and apportioned the
 whole amount of said damages among the several petitioners and
 owners of said Estate as follows, deducting from the several
 damages apportioned to each, the several benefits received to wit,
 To Jonathan Dwight twenty two dollars and sixty cents.

Thomas Dwight twenty eight dollars.

William Dwight Six hundred & twenty dollars & sixty eight cents.

Jonathan & William Dwight trustees of the Children of Sarah
 Bennett, forty four dollars & eighty cents

Savaria Chapman twenty eight dollars.

Predrick Dwight twenty two dollars & forty cents.

George Bliss & wife forty four dollars & eighty cents

And no other persons or corporations claim any damages,
 and we are of the opinion that no other person or corpora-
 -tion sustains any damages by the alteration of said
 Highway: — And the jury extend to said petitioners and
 owners a time for the removal of buildings, fences, trees, and
 timber and other property from the premises, to a period on the
 first day of October next, from the acceptance of this
 Verdict.

Daniel G. White, foreman Dimond Chandler Giles L. Chapin

Attest Shul. Jacob Shells, Daniel Merriok, Erastus Thuma
Newbury Norton, Horatio A. Pratt, William Sevens
Emek Leonard, Hiram Wards.

And Patrick Bruce Esq. who was appointed to preside at the
hearing before the Jury returned into said Court his instructions
to said jury and the exceptions to said instructions which are in
the record following, to wit:

The Court for the County Commissioners called John C. Stillins
and put to him the following questions

1st What in your opinion is the present market value of the
Estate with the street as now opened?

To which he answered Fifteen thousand dollars.

2^d What would be its market value with the street opened
as altered? To which he answered One thousand
dollars more.

The same questions were put to several other witnesses
and answered by them.

In the second question Bart. Bridgman answered it
would enhance the value of the land considerably if
cut up into building lots.

These questions and answers were objected to by the
Petitioners Counsel: but the Chairman overruled the
Objection and admitted the evidence.

The Counsel for the Commissioners offered in evidence
the record of the doings of the Commissioners in
laying the road.

The Petitioners Counsel objected that it was inad-
missible in evidence, and that it was incompetent
to read a part of the record without reading the whole
and that therefore the whole should be excluded.

The Chairman admitted the whole record, including the
adjudication, the laying and the assessment of damages.

The Petitioners Counsel requiring the whole to be
read, and the Counsel for Commissioners consenting that
the adjudication of the damages should be read also.

The Petitioners Counsel requested the Presiding Officer
to instruct the jury that the benefits arising from the
alteration must be certain and not contingent.

The jury were instructed that there must be reasonable
certainty that the estate would be benefitted by the proposed

alteration of the Highway, that evidence that the estate would be increased in value for building lots was one means of proving the benefits arising from the alterations and was competent evidence, but in estimating the benefits they were not to enquire how much the owners might realise by a speculation in building lots, as if such must necessarily be the future use of their property.

And the jury were instructed that they might adopt as their rule, in the estimation of the benefits, by considering how far the alteration of the Highway will add value to the property, if the owners by using it hereafter as men of common and ordinary prudence, economy and wisdom, would improve the advantages to be derived from such alteration.

The foregoing exceptions and rulings being found conformable to the truth are allowed.

P. Baise presiding at trial

At which time the petitioners and the parties interested appeared by their attorney R. A. Chapman, and the County of Hampshire also appeared by their attorney A. J. Leonard and the petitioners moved that the Verdict be set aside and a new jury be ordered for the misdirection of Patrick Baise Esquire who presided at the hearing: They also moved for order for the payment of the jury and other costs out of the County Treasury.

And this case was continued to the term of said ^{Court} Holden on the first Monday of October eighteen hundred fifty two for the allowance of exceptions.

At which term the petitioners moved that the Verdict be set aside on account of the instructions given to the jury by the presiding officer and the admission of improper evidence before them, as stated by him in his report, and that a new jury be ordered by their Atty R. A. Chapman.

which motion was overruled by the Court.

Whereupon exceptions to the opinion and ruling of said Court in matters of law being alleged by the said petitioners and reduced to writing are presented to the said Court which being found conformable to the truth are allowed and signed by the presiding judge and are on file.

Whereupon it was ordered that all further proceedings in said Court of Common Pleas be stayed and that this case

be removed to the Supreme Judicial Court.

And now at this meeting the Commissioners receive the setting
out & testimony and ordered ^{the same} to be recorded

Hampden Sp. Supreme Judicial Court
Law Term 1853

In the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden
I Certify that on the petition of Jonathan Dwight
& others, petitioners for a jury to assess damages brought
before this court on exceptions from the Court of Com-
mons Pleas, it was ordered by the Court, that the
exceptions be overruled, and the Verdict of the
Sherriff jury be accepted, a copy of said Verdict is
hereunder written

"Hampden Sp. Jonathan Dwight & others petitioners for
a jury against the County of Hampden.

In the above named Case the jury find the whole
amount of the damages done to the entire estates of
the petitioners by the alteration of the Highway in
locating the same over their lands deducting the benefits
derived to them by the alteration as set off to be
eight hundred and ten dollars & eighty eight cents,
and they assess and apportion the whole amount
aforesaid amongst the several petitioners and owners
of said estate as follows, deducting from the several
damages assessed to each the several benefits received
to wit, In Jonathan Dwight twenty two dollars & forty cents,
Thomas Dwight twenty eight dollars, William Dwight
Six hundred and twenty dollars & forty eight cents
Jonathan and William Dwight Trustees of the Children
of Sarah Barnard forty four dollars and eighty cents,
Simeon Chapman twenty eight dollars, Judson Dwight
twenty two dollars & forty cents, George Ship & wife
forty four dollars & eighty cents, and no other
persons or Corporations claim any damages and are
of the opinion that no other person or Corporation
sustains any damages by the alteration of said
Highway.

And the jury return to said petitioners and
order a time for the removal of buildings, fences,

Trees and timber and other property from the premises to a period on the first day of October next from the acceptance of this Verdict.

Daniel G. White, Freeman, Hiram Chandler, Giles S. Chapin, Otis Shuler, Jacob Hills, Daniel Merrill, Charles H. Hume, Anthony Weston, Horatio A. Pratt, William Simons, Enock Leonard, Hiram Dunder "

Attest Geo B Morris

Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court

Alfred Besworth
Pet for a Jury to
Estimate damages &
Change Location

To the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden
Humbly shews Alfred Besworth of West Springfield in our
County of Hampden, that on the petition of Roswell King
and others dated Oct 5th 1850, and presented to said Com-
missioners at their meeting on the first Tuesday of Oct 1850-
such proceedings were had that afterwards at the June
meeting of said Commissioners in the current year they
acted upon the report of said Commissioners dated the
21st day of April 1852, and ordered a road to be located
over the lands of several persons, viz Alfred Besworth
Abraham Kent, Elijah Ashley and the School District in
said West Springfield, and assessed as damages to said
Alfred the sum, only of \$405. - And now the said
Alfred says that the common convenience and necessity
of the people requires that the location of said road should
be altered between the two termini and particularly over
the land of said Alfred: that the amount of damages
assessed to him is small and inadequate to compensate
him for his injury, wherefore he prays that a jury
may be summoned to change said location & to increase
his damage.

Springfield Oct 07 1852

Alfred Besworth

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the
County Commissioners holden at Springfield within and
for said County on the first Tuesday of October in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two

and this petition was continued from meeting to meeting
to the meeting of said Commissioners holden for said County
on the second Tuesday of April eighteen hundred & fifty three

At which meeting it was ordered that a warrant be issued to the Sheriff of said County for the purpose prayed for in said petition.

And on the 15th day of April A.D. 1853, a warrant was duly issued requiring the Sheriff to summon a jury to hear and determine the matter of Complaint set forth in said petition, and said Sheriff was appointed to preside at the hearing before said jury.

And at the Term of the Court of Common Pleas held at Springfield within and for said County on the second Monday of June A.D. 1853, Patrick Boice Esq. Sheriff of said County made this return as follows, viz.

Pursuant to this warrant, I made application to the Selectmen of the towns of Holyoke, Southwick and Westfield, three nearest disinterested towns in said County, requiring them to draw from the Jury Box the names of fair, good and lawful men for each of said towns, to serve on the Jury herein ordered, and the said Selectmen make due return of said applications as follows, to wit: From the town of Holyoke were returned, Andrew Russell, Charles P. Davis, James M. Cavanaugh and Chester Crafts. From the town of Southwick, Moses White, Joseph S. Shaw, Norman Adams and Josiah Gittell, and Franklin Bliss.

Thomas Conley, Alan Fowler, Jabez Otis, Dennis Hedget & Owen Drake, were returned from the town of Westfield, as appears by the certificates of the Selectmen of each of said towns herewith presented, and on the thirtieth of May, & on the second day June, and on the sixth day of June A.D. 1853, I caused the said persons, so returned as jurors, to be summoned to appear before me on the tenth day of June A.D. 1853, at One O'clock A.M. at the house of Lewis Chapman in Westfield and the hearing by adjournment was afterwards had at the house of Homer Bartholomew in West Springfield, and on the seventh day of June aforesaid, I notified the said parties concerned, to wit, the petitioner within named and Norman Leonard who was appointed by the County Commissioners to act as the Agent of the County in the premises, of the time and place of empanneling said Jury. And on the said tenth day of June A.D. 1853, I proceeded to empannel said jurors, who were duly sworn as above certified by me: And after said jury had chosen a

Freeman by ballot and fully heard the parties severally
themselves by themselves, when they agreed upon and stated
up their Verdict in the premises which is hereunto returned
into Court.

Patrick Boise Sheriff

Verdict returned to said Court is in the words following
Hampden Co June 11th 1853

Verdict of the Jury in the Case of Alfred
Bosworth, Petitioner against the Inhabitants of the County of
Hampden; The Jury empaneled by Patrick Boise, Sheriff,
of said County of Hampden, to enquire into the matter as
to the necessity and propriety of any alterations as to so
much of the location of the Highway mentioned in the
warrant in this case as is upon and over land of the
said Alfred Bosworth, and to make such alterations in
the location of that part of said Highway, as might be
deemed by the Jury necessary and proper, and also to
enquire into and assess the damages sustained by the said
Alfred Bosworth by the laying out establishment and
alteration of said Highway over the land belonging to the
said Alfred Bosworth, mentioned in the warrant in this
case, having been first duly sworn by Patrick Boise
Sheriff, and having chosen Simeon Gillett Foreman by ballot,
after carefully viewing the premises and fully hearing
the evidence and the parties, do not find, and our
Verdict is, that we do not find it necessary to make any
alterations in said location of the Highway mentioned
in said Warrant in this case upon and over the land of
said Bosworth.

The Jury further find, and our Verdict is, that the said
Bosworth recover against the said Inhabitants of the County
of Hampden the sum of Five Hundred and Seventy nine
dollars as his damages sustained as aforesaid.

Simeon Gillett Foreman. Chester Crafts

Andrew Russell, Alvan Fowler, Thomas Cowles
Normant Adams, Charles P. Swift, Jacob C. Otis,
Owen Drake, Moses White, Dennis Stages, Franklin
Bliss,

And said Verdict of the Jury having been adjourned upon
was accepted, and the Clerk ordered to certify the same

to the County Commissioners according to law. And now the
said Wardens and representatives are returned here at this
meeting of said Commissioners and ordered to be recorded

License. Harris Bartholomew is licensed as an Auctioneer in
the village of West Springfield, without authority to sell
intoxicating liquors. Voted 11. 1853

Grading accounts against the County being now presented for
allowance amounting to the sum of One thousand Seven
Hundred & Ninety one dollars and Ninety nine Cents \$ 1791.99
are allowed and ordered to be paid out of the County
Treasury.

The following persons are allowed the sum set against
their names, in full for damages to lands by the location
of Highways. And the County Treasurer is ordered to
pay the same amounting to the sum of Sixteen
Hundred & Seventy nine dollars & Seventy nine Cents. viz

To Jonathan Dwight		24.25
" Thomas Dwight	Part of Geo. Hatch's	30.31
" Wm Dwight		671.67
" John & Wm Dwight	Trustees of Church of South Weymouth	48.49
" Susanina Chapman		30.31
" Frederick Dwight		24.25
" Geo Bliss & Mary Bliss		48.49
" Joseph Haley	Part of Abner Parker's	130.00
" Wm M Lewis	" "	350.00
" Justus Knox	Part of Justice Knox's	27.00
" George Shuttleff	" "	20.00
" John D. Collette	" "	250.00
" William Ashley	Part of R. W. W. W.	25.00
		\$ 1679.77

Hampden Co. November 25. 1853

Indyment is entered up according to reports &c and all
Matters not acted on, are ordered to be continued and the meeting
is adjourned without day. Attest Geo F Morris Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners begun and holden at Springfield within and for the said County on the fourth Tuesday of December being the twenty seventh day of said month and from day to day to the twenty ninth day of said month, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty three, and by adjournment on the seventh day of February to the eighth day of February in the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty four.

Present on the said 27th day of December

William B. Calhoun Esq	} County Commissioners
Almon Homer "	
George C. Gibbs "	

And on the twenty eighth and twenty ninth day of said December, and on the said seventh & eighth of February

Present. Almon Homer Esq } County
George C. Gibbs " } Commissioners
Robert E. Dennis " } Special Comrs
in place of William Mearns Esq who was } Absent

Oliver Chatfield & others
pet for laying a
Turnpike in
Wilbraham

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
We the undersigned Inhabitants of the town of Wilbraham respectfully represent, that a petition signed by a legal number of the Inhabitants of said town of Wilbraham was presented on the 5th Inst., to the Selectmen of said town praying them to lay out a Turnpike, leading from the highway running through the North Village of Wilbraham, and commencing near the South East Corner of the Farmstead occupied by the Rev^d Miner Parsons, and running Westward to the Highway leading from said North Wilbraham to Springfield, at some point near the dwelling house of Calvin Brewer, and on the 6th Instant a majority of said Selectmen unreasonably refused to lay out said Turnpike as requested in said petition. Therefore, we the undersigned Inhabitants of the town of Wilbraham pray your honorable body to lay out said Turnpike as prayed for in said petition.

Wilbraham April 6th 1853
Hampden Co Mass.

Oliver Chatfield & others

The foregoing petition was entered at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the second Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three at which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient issued a notice therefor - under which no further proceedings were had - and this petition was continued to the meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord 1853 - at which meeting the Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Samuel Warner in Wilburham on Tuesday the thirtieth day of August next, at Nine o'clock A.M. And it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerk of the town of Wilburham in said County, thirty days, at least, before the said thirtieth day of August, and that all other persons and Corporations interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Hampshire Post a public newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the town of Wilburham fourteen days before said thirtieth day of August and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and Corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the adjourned term of said meeting holden by the Commissioners for said County on the eighth of September eighteen hundred & fifty three, at which said adjournment, the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows. — Hampshire Ps. July 7th 1853 I hereby certify that I have this day served the within petition and order, on the Town Clerk of Wilburham

Hence we define by giving him in hand a true and attested copy of this petition and order as within directed, and on the seventh day of the same July I posted up in two public places in said town of Wilbraham copies of this petition and abstracts of this order in the store of S. C. Spaldman and on the door of the school house near the dwelling of John McGray in said town as within directed.

John R. Constock Deputy Sheriff

At which adjourned meeting of the Commissioners, made their report in writing as follows.—

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty three.

On the petition of Orrin Chaffin and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that a petition signed by a legal number of the inhabitants of the town of Wilbraham was presented on the 5th Inst to the Selectmen of said town praying them to lay out a Turnway, leading from the Highway running through the North Village of Wilbraham, and commencing near the Southeast corner of the premises occupied by the Red Miner Raymond and running westerly to the Highway leading from said North Wilbraham to Springfield at some point near the dwelling house of Calvin Brewer; and on the 6th Inst a majority of said Selectmen unanimously refused to lay out said Turn way as requested in said petition and praying said Commissioners to lay out said Turnway as prayed for in said petition, as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday the thirtieth day of August then next and nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Samuel Warner in Wilbraham as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the Select of the town of Wilbraham, being the town within which said Turnway prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance

thereof to be posted in two public places in Wilburham said town, and also give notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Hampshire Post a Newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said thirtieth day of August the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view: and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge, that said Selectmen have unreasonably neglected and refused to lay out said highway, & that common convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

William B Coltham Chairman of the board being absent Robert E Bernis one of the Special Commissioners together with the Commissioners proceeded to view and act on said petition

Alfred Horner } County
George C Gibbs } Commissioners
R E Bernis } Special Commisr

Which report being read and considered was accepted, and the road as specified in said report adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which Meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling-house of Samuel Warner in Wilburham on Tuesday the eighteenth day of October next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said townway, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon, in the Hampshire Post a public Newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be

fourteen days at least before the said eighteenth day of October: And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerk of the town of Wilbraham, with a copy of said Petition and this order, thirty days at least and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of Wilbraham, fourteen days at least before the said eighteenth day of October at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said townway: And will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and allow such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said townway.

And this Petition was ^{then} continued ^{to this meeting} And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes this return as follows,

Hampden sp. September 16th 1853. — By Virtue of the within order, I delivered to the Town Clerk of Wilbraham a true and attested Copy of this Petition and order, and also posted up in two public places in said town abstracts containing the substance of said Petition and the order of the County Commissioners thereon as within directed.

Patrick Davis Sheriff.

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden sp.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty three. —

On the Petition of Orrin Chaffield and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that a Petition signed by a legal number of the Inhabitants of the town of Wilbraham was presented on the 5th inst to the Selectmen of said town praying them to lay out a townway leading from the Highway running through the North Village of Wilbraham, and commencing near the Southeast corner of the Premises occupied by the Red Mine Hydropower and running Westward to the Highway leading to North Wilbraham to Springfield at some point near the Meeting House of

Deacons & others, and on the 6th inst a majority of said Select-
men unanimously refused to lay out said Turnway as request-
ed in said petition, and praying said Commissioners to lay
out said town way as prayed for in said petition.

As by said petition on file will appear: The Commissioners,
having a view of the premises expedient, appointed Tuesday
the thirtieth day of August then next at nine o'clock in the
forenoon at the house of Samuel Warner in Willsbrough as the
time and place for viewing the premises: And caused a
copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town
of Willsbrough, being the town within which said townway
was prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for
said view: and also caused abstracts of said petition,
containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public
places in Willsbrough said town: And also gave notice to
all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to
be published three weeks successively in the Hampshire Post
a newspaper published in said County, said posting and
the last publication of said copy having been fourteen
days at least before the time appointed for said view:
And before said view was had, said Commissioners gave
notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice
of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and
place for commencing said view: And on the said
thirtieth day of August, the Commissioners met at the
time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the
premises, and having viewed the same, the further con-
sideration thereof was deferred till the next regular
meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid
on the first Tuesday of October then next, at which
meeting the parties were heard and after the hearing,
said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudge
upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering
the same said Commissioners did adjudge that the
prayer of the petitioners be granted.

And after adjudging as aforesaid, said Commissioners
appointed Tuesday the eighteenth day of October then next at
nine o'clock in the forenoon at the House of Samuel Warner
in said Willsbrough as the time and place when and where
they would meet and proceed to locate and lay out a
Turnway, and the said Commissioners having given

notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for the purpose above named, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made: and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition instead of a copy thereof) on the said eighteenth day of October when they met and proceeded to locate and lay out a road way as follows.

Commencing at the westerly side of main street at a fence post, constituting the Southeast corner of the doorway of the dwelling known as the Principals House and running North eighty nine and three fourth degrees West, one hundred and forty six rods on Land of the Wesleyan Academy Corporation, to a stone monument. Thence South seventy two and one fourth degrees West, fifty two rods on Land of said Corporation, and thence of the heirs of Charles Warriner deceased to a stone monument: Thence on Land of said heirs South, seventy four degrees West, forty eight rods to a stone monument on the northerly line of the existing Highway from Wilbraham to Sixteen acres: The lines being run on the right hand or northerly side of the location which is made three rods wide the entire distance.

The road bed to be eighteen feet in width exclusive of ditches, and the grade thereof to be made uniform for the distance of One hundred rods measuring from Main Street: Thence to be uniform to the brook crossing said location, at which point the surface of the road bed must be elevated three feet above the present earth surface, and over said brook, a substantial bridge or culvert must be constructed twenty feet in length four feet in height and three feet in width and the abutment walls to be three feet thick at the bottom and two feet and a half at the top.

From the bridge the grade must be made uniform to a point opposite a small yellow pine tree on the right hand side of said location, and about forty rods from the brook, there to be made uniform to a hollow, crossing said location, the center of which must be filled four feet, and the grade westerly of the hollow to conform to the ground earth surface, and the road the entire

length to be sufficiently crowned in the center to pass the water to the sides of the road and to dispense with all mounds. — A good and substantial railing must be erected wherever it shall be needed, the poles not to be less than four inches at the small end in diameter and the posts to be firmly fastened in the earth. — The line of the road bed must be kept in the center of the location in the entire distance, and if any portions of the road shall be sandy or need hardening. A covering of six inches in thickness, and fourteen feet in width of hardening will be required, on those portions of the road that possess a yielding surface.

The entire construction of the road must be accomplished in a thorough and skillful manner and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the twentieth of June 1854.

Having made said location and heard all persons that desired to be heard upon the question of damages occasioned thereby, we referred to the following individuals the sums awarded to their names.

To, Heirs of Samuel Warriner Fifty dollars —	\$ 50.00
" Wesleyan Academy Corporation	75.00

William B. Calhoun being unable to attend due notice was given by the other members of the board to Robert E. Bernis one of the Special Commissioners who appeared and acted in his stead.

Almon Homer	} County
George C. Gibbs	
R. E. Bernis	} Special Commrs.

Which report being read and considered, is accepted and the road established as for a public Turnway.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampshire Rufus Smith &
 We the undersigned Petitioners Inhabitants of the Towns of Tolland & Granville in said County. Others Pet for
 Respectfully represent to your Honorable body that continue highway in our opinion the interest of the Community in Tolland & Granville

would be more highly promoted, as well as that of the traveling public, and much expense to the County and towns saved by the discontinuance of the road now located on the petition of W. W. Bacon and another, and substituting for said road, such alterations and repairs as may be deemed necessary, by grading hills &c — On the present now traveled road, and your petitioners respectfully request and pray your Honorable body to review said located road with a view of discontinuing the same and to order such specific alterations and repairs, as may by you, be deemed necessary on the present traveled road from the East terminus of said new located road in Granville, to the West terminus of said road in Tolland, following on and over the old road: And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

June 1853.

Rufus Smith & others

The foregoing petition was introduced at a meeting of the County Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord 1853 — At which meeting the County Commissioners deeming a view of the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling house of Rufus Smith in Tolland on Thursday the twenty fifth day of August next, at nine o'clock A.M. — And it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his Deputy, upon the Clerks of the towns of Tolland & Granville in said County, thirty days, at least before the said twenty fifth day of August, and that all other persons and corporations interested therein be notified by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon, in the New Britain a public Newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the time of said view. And it is further ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in the towns of Tolland & Granville fourteen days before said twenty fifth day of August, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Commissioners deem a view of the premises expedient and proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this petition was continued to the adjourned term of said meeting, holden by the Commissioners for said County on the eighth day of September eighteen hundred and fifty three: at which said adjourned meeting, the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Hampden Co. July 13. 1853 By virtue of the within order I returned to the town clerk of Tolland and Granville respectively true and attested Copies of the within petition and order as certified by the clerk; and also posted up in two public places in each of said towns of Tolland & Granville abstracts containing the substance of said petition and order of the Commissioners thereon as the law requires.

Patrick Boise Sheriff.

At which said adjourned meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty three.

On the petition of Rufus Smith and others then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that, in their opinion the interests of the community would be more highly promoted as well as the traveling public and much expense to the County and towns saved, by the discontinuance of the road now located on the petition of W. H. Bacon and another, substituting for said road such alterations and repairs as may be deemed necessary by grading hills &c on the now present traveled road, and requesting & praying the Commissioners to review said located road, with a view of discontinuing same, and to order such specific alterations and repairs as may be deemed necessary in the present traveled road from the East terminus of said now located road in Granville, to the west terminus of said road, following on and near the old road; as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday the twenty fifth day of August then next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of

Refus Smith in Tolland as the time and place for viewing the premises, and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of Tolland, being the town within which such alterations and discontinuance prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view: and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town: and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the New Letter a Newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said twenty fifth day of August the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners then determined to hear the parties at the same time of said view: and having heard the parties, said Commissioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition: and after considering the same, said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that Common Convenience and necessity require, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

William B. Leathum one of the Commissioners being absent due notice was given to Daniel G. White one of the Special Commissioners was present and acted.

Alfred Homer	}	County
George C. Gibbs		Commissioners
Daniel G. White		Special Commis.

which report being read and considered was accepted and the alterations and discontinuance as specified in said report adjudged of Common Convenience and necessity.

At which said adjourned Meeting the Commissioners ordered that notice be given to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the dwelling house of Refus Smith in Tolland on Tuesday the twenty fifth day of October next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said discontinuance alterations and repairs, by publishing an abstract of said petition and this order thereon in the Worcester News Letter, a public newspaper printed in said

County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said twenty fifth day of October.

And it is further ordered by the County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, serve the Clerks of the towns of Tolland & Granville with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least - and post up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said towns of Tolland & Granville fourteen days at least before the said twenty fifth day of October at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said discontinued alterations and repairs, and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and apply such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said discontinued alterations & repairs.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting; - And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said order makes his return as follows.

Hampden Co. September 22^d 1853 By virtue of the within order, I delivered true and attested copies of this petition and order, to the Town Clerks of Tolland & Granville respectively, and also posted up in two public places in each of said towns of Tolland and Granville abstracts containing the substance of said petition and the order of the County Commissioners thereon, as within directed: -

Petruck Boise Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty three.

On the petition of Rufus Smith and others, then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that the interest of the Community would be more highly promoted as well as the traveling public and much expense to the County and towns saved by the discontinuance of the road now located on the petition of W. W. Bacon and another, substituting for said road such alterations and repairs as may be deemed

necessary by grading hills &c on the new travelled road as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, desiring a view of the premises applicants appointed Thursday the twenty fifth day of August then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Rufus Smith in Tolland, as the time and place for viewing the premises: and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the towns of Tolland and Granville, being the towns within which such alterations and discontinuance prayer for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said towns; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the New Letter a Newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view: and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said twenty fifth day of August the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners, held at Springfield aforesaid, on the first Tuesday of October then next, at which meeting the parties were heard and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the prayer of said petition; and after considering the same, said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners be granted:— and after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the twenty fifth day of October then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house of Rufus Smith in Tolland in said town, as the time and place when and where they would meet and proceed to locate and make alterations in accordance with the petition. And the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for examination and location, in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding

to view (except publishing an abstract of said Petition instead of a copy thereof,) on the said twenty fifth day of October the Commissioners met and proceeded to locate and make alterations in said Highway as follows:

Commencing in West Granville at a hemlock tree marked Standing near a little run of water:— Then run North Sixty three degrees West six rods; Then North Forty degrees West twelve rods & eleven links; Then North Forty two degrees West eight rods & twelve links, to a large maple tree standing on the East side of Hubbards river; the line being run on the South side of the Highway; Then crossing said river, commences the distance on the West side of said river at the bridge, and run North eighty nine degrees West Seventeen rods & fifteen links; Then North thirty seven degrees & thirty minutes West, twenty two rods & six links to a maple tree marked; Then North twenty eight degrees West twelve rods & three links; Then North fifty five degrees West, thirteen rods & nineteen links to the East end of Rufus Smiths Stone fence on the South side of the old road, the line continuing on the South side of the Highway.

In constructing said Highway the following directions are given by the Commissioners. — The hill East of Hubbards river is to be worked at an uniform grade not to exceed five degrees, the road bed to be sixteen feet in width exclusive of ditches. — and the road to be sufficiently raised in the center to cause the water to run immediately into the ditches. All mounds are to be dispensed with. — two Stone Culverts will be required the Culverts to be two feet in the clear: A substantial railing will be required, and the poles at the small end not to be less than three inches in diameter, and the posts are to be of good size and firmly fastened in the ground; — The road from the Hemlock tree Northwardly to the Stone monument at the point where the road was located on the prayer of W.W. Bacon, commences, is to be constructed with an uniform grade, and one Stone Culvert corresponding to those above named to be built: — The bridge that crosses Hubbards river must be raised two feet and lengthened on the South side three feet; — and covered with new plank three

inches in thickness and the road that passes Rufus Smith's saw mill on the alteration must be brought to an even grade on the side hills, and not to exceed five degrees. In ascending the hill at the bridge, the road bed on the flat ground must be raised sufficient to exclude the water from the road bed, two Culverts will be required on the alteration; The crowing of the road bed, and the railing must conform to the specifications on the east side of Hubbard's river. — The road leading west of the alteration must be thoroughly worked and the mounds reduced sufficient to make the grade even. — The east hill near the house of James Hamilton must be brought to a grade of four degrees and the road bed to conform to the directions given for constructing the road east of Hubbard's river. If any portion of the road after being worked consists of clay or sand, the same is to have a covering at least of six inches thick and of the width at least of fourteen feet of gravel or some other material to make the road of suitable standard for the public travel.

All the work is to be done in a thorough and skillful manner and to the acceptance of the County Commissioners on or before the fifteenth day of June 1854

Having made such discontinuance and alteration as aforesaid and heard all persons who desired to be heard upon the question of damages occasioned thereby and no person claiming damages, the Commissioners considered all claims were released.

William B. Colburn Esq being unable to attend notice was given by the other members of the board to David G. White one of the Special Commissioners who appeared and acted in his stead.

Dec. 27. 1853

Almon Homer } County
George C. Gibbs } Commissioners
David G. White Special Commis.

Which report being read and considered is accepted and the road established as a public highway.

To the County Commissioners for the County of Hampden
We the Selectmen of West Springfield, would represent that the ordering of
a day bridge to be built at the East end of the Agawam Bridge by the former of Springfield for attention
board of Commissioners ought to be assented for the public necessity
and convenience does not require it to be built: Also that alterations
in the location of the road at and near the Pine Leonard Hill are
needed for the purpose of obtaining a suitable place to drop the earth
that must be necessarily moved and to lessen the amount of the
excavation:— Also that the grade may be increased to four feet.
We therefore pray your Honors that an examination may be made
and the prayer of your petitioners granted

Daniel G. White & others Selectmen
of West Springfield

West Springfield June 28. 1853.

The foregoing petition was introduced at a meeting of the County
Commissioners holden for said County on the fourth Tuesday of
June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty three
At which meeting the Commissioners viewing in view of
the premises expedient and proper, gave notice that they
would meet for the purpose of said view, at the dwelling
house of Oliver Leonard in West Springfield on Thursday the
fourth day of August next, at Nine o'clock A.M.: and
it was ordered by the County Commissioners that a copy of
said petition be served by the Sheriff of said County or his
Deputy, upon the clerk of the town of West Springfield in
said County, thirty days at least, before the said fourth
day of August, and that all other persons and corporations
interested therein be notified, by publishing a copy of said
petition and this order thereon, in the Springfield Repub-
-lican, a public Newspaper printed in said County, three
weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days
at least before the time of said view. — And it was further
ordered by the Commissioners, that copies of said petition, or
abstracts containing the substance thereof and this order, be
posted up by said Sheriff or Deputy, in two public places in
the town of West Springfield, fourteen days before said fourth
day of August, and that notice be given in manner aforesaid,
to all persons and corporations interested, that the County Com-
-missioners view in view of the premises expedient and
proper, and that a view of the same will be taken by
them at the time and place aforesaid.

And this Petition was continued to the adjourned Term of said Meeting, holden by the Commissioners for said County on the eighth day of September eighteen hundred and fifty three At which said adjourned Meeting the Sheriff of said County made his return as follows.

Hampden Co. July 1. 1853. — I hereby Certify that I have this day served the within petition and order, on the town clerk Enoch A Smith, by giving him in hand an attested copy of this petition and order as within directed and on the same day I posted up in two public places in said town of West Springfield Copies of this petition and abstracts of this order in the Post office and in the Hotel kept by Bartholomew as within directed

John P. Comstock Deputy Sheriff

At which said meeting the Commissioners made their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Hampden Co.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the fourth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty three.

On the Petition of the Selectmen of West Springfield then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that, The ordering of a dry bridge to be built at the East End of the Aqueduct Bridge by the former board of Commissioners, ought to be annulled for the public necessity and convenience does not require it to be built; — Also that Alterations in the location of the road at and near the Pine Leonard Hill are needed for the purpose of obtaining a suitable place to dump the Earth must necessarily be made and to lessen the amount of the Excavation. Also that the grade may be increased to four feet; — We therefore pray that an examination may be made and the prayer of the petitioners granted: as by said petition on file will appear.

The Commissioners, deeming a view of the premises expedient, appointed Thursday the fourth day of August then next, and at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the House of Pine Leonard in the town of West Springfield as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of West Springfield, being the town within which such alteration and location of road prayed for, thirty

days at least before the time appointed for said view: and also caused
abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted
in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons
interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three
weeks successively in the Springfield Republican a newspaper published
in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy having
been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view;
and before said view was had, said Commissioners gave notice in like
manner as directed in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all
persons interested, of the time and place for commencing said
view. — And on the said fourth day of August the Commissioners
met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view
the premises, and having viewed the same, the Commissioners
there determined to hear the parties at the same time of
said view: and having heard the parties, said Commis-
sioners then proceeded to consider and adjudicate upon the
prayer of said petition: and after considering the same,
said Commissioners did then and there adjudge that
common convenience and necessity require, that the
prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Now Wm B. Colburn Chairman of the board being
absent, and R. E. Bernis one of the Special Commissioners
being duly notified appeared and acted in his stead.

Alfred Horner	} County
George C. Gibbs	
R. E. Bernis	Special Commissioner

which report being read and considered, was accepted
and the alterations and location of said roads as specified
in said report adjudged of common convenience and necessity.

At which said meeting the Commissioners ordered
that notice be given to all persons and Corporations interested
therein, that said Commissioners will meet at the
dwelling house of Phineas Leonard in West Springfield on
Tuesday the eleventh day of October next at nine o'
clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of locating said
alterations: by publishing an abstract of said petition and
this order thereon, in the Daily Republican a public news
paper printed in said County, three weeks successively,
the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said
eleventh day of October: And it is further ordered by the
County Commissioners, that the Sheriff of said County, or

Said Deputy, saw the Clerk of the town of West Springfield with a copy of said petition and this order, thirty days at least and past up abstracts containing the substance thereof in two public places in said town of West Springfield - Yea, ten days at least before the said Eleventh day of October, at which time the said Commissioners will proceed to locate said alterations and will hear all persons and corporations interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard, and after such damages as in their opinion may be just and proper, by reason of the location of said Road.

And this petition was continued from meeting to meeting to this meeting:— And the Sheriff of said County in pursuance of said Order makes his return as follows.

Hampden Sp. Sept 10. 1853— I have this day seen this petition and order, on Erich N. Smith the town Clerk of West Springfield by giving him in hand an attested copy of this petition and order, as within directed also on the same day I posted up copies of this petition and abstracts of this order in the Post Office kept by Mr. Leonard and in Bartholomew's Hotel, both places being in said town of West Springfield.

John P. Cornstock Deputy Sheriff

And now the Commissioners make their report in writing as follows.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Hampden Sp.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden, held at Springfield, in said County, on the Twelfth Tuesday of June in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty three.

On the petition of the Selectmen of West-Springfield then presented to said Commissioners, representing and setting forth that, The ordering of a dry bridge to be built at the east-end of the Aqueduct Bridge by the former Board of Commissioners— and ought to be assumed for the public necessity and convenience does not require it to be built: Also that alterations in the location of the road at and near the Merry Leonard Hill are needed for the purpose of obtaining a suitable place to drop the earth that must necessarily be moved, and to lessen the amount of excavation.— Also that the grade may be increased to four degrees.— and praying that

an examination may be made: as by said petition on file will appear. The Commissioners, during a view of the premises, expediently appointed Thursday the fourth day of August then next, and at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Phineas Leonard in West Springfield as the time and place for viewing the premises; and caused a copy of said petition to be served upon the clerk of the town of West Springfield having the town within which such alterations and location of road prayed for, thirty days at least before the time appointed for said view; and also caused abstracts of said petition, containing the substance thereof, to be posted in two public places in said town; and also gave notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of said petition to be published three weeks successively in the Springfield Republican, a newspaper published in said County, said posting and the last publication of said copy, having been fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said view; and before said view was had. Said Commissioners gave notice in like manner as described in the foregoing notice of the petition, to all persons interested of the time and place for commencing said view.

And on the said fourth day of August, the Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded to view the premises, and having viewed the same, the further consideration thereof was deferred till the next regular meeting of the Commissioners. Held at Springfield aforesaid on the first Tuesday of October then next, at which meeting the parties were heard, and after the hearing, said Commissioners proceeded to consider and adjudge upon the prayer of said petition, and after considering the same said Commissioners did adjudge that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

And after adjudicating as aforesaid, said Commissioners appointed Tuesday the eleventh day of October then next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the house of Phineas Leonard in said West Springfield as the time and place where and where they would meet and proceed to locate and make alterations. And the said Commissioners having given notice of the adjudication and the time and place appointed for the purpose above named in the same manner as the notice and publication was given and made, and as is by law in such case made and provided, before proceeding to view (except publishing an abstract of said petition,

instead of a copy thereof / on the said Eleventh day of October said Commissioners met and proceeded to make alterations in the location, and substituted an Embankment at the East end of Aqueduct Bridge as a substitute for a dry bridge as follows: to wit,

Commencing at a Stone monument on the Southwesterly side of the existing Highway in front of Philip Leonard's Carriage House and running North eighty seven and a half degrees West across a brook to a Stone monument; The grade of the road to be water level with the flooring of the bridge on this course; Thence North fifty seven and three quarter degrees West, twelve rods & 14 links to a Stone monument standing on the Easterly line of land of Constantine Leonard, thence on land of said Constantine North sixty one and three quarter degrees West five rods and fifteen links to a Stone monument; thence North seventy one and a half degrees West six rods to a Stone monument near a run of water; thence North eighty eight and three quarter degrees West, thirteen rods to a Stone monument, in the west line of land of said Constantine; The location thus far is made three rods wide, and the hill thereon to be reduced to an uniform grade.

Commencing at the Stone monument above mentioned, at a point which shall be on a level with the flooring of the bridge on the first named course, not not to exceed two and a half degrees of inclination; thence North eighty nine and three quarter degrees West, thirty two and a half rods to a Stone monument near a Chestnut tree; The location on this course widens to three and a half rods at its termination; and a bridge over the brook crossing the Highway on this course, must be constructed of the following dimensions: The walls to be of stone two feet in thickness, two feet in height and the Culvert to be three feet in the clear, the covering to be of stone, and the walls to rest on plank three inches in thickness laid crosswise of the brook, and the Culvert to be at least forty seven feet in length: From the last mentioned course the line runs South seventy one and a half degrees West, seventeen rods & four links to a Stone monument; The location on this course widens to five rods at its termination; thence North sixty three and three quarter degrees West, eight rods and five links to a white Oak tree; The location on this course being five

was wide throughout: Thence North eighty three & three quarter degrees
west six & a half rods to a stone monument standing in line of a former
location, the width of the location on the cause being four & a half rods
to the Erietary line of Asa Austins land and three rods wide the
remainder of the distance: The lines being now on the southerly
side of the location. — The grade of the hill which commences at
a stake a little west of the Stone Culvert must not exceed
three and three fourth degrees in elevation and to be made uni-
form the entire distance. — The embankment must be twenty
feet in width, and constructed with a slope of one and a
half feet base to a foot rise, and if the road bed is not
of sufficient hardness, gravel or some other hardening substance
must be laid upon the surface of the road bed of at least
six inches in thickness, and the road is to be worked
the entire distance twenty feet in width exclusive of
ditches, and the surface of the road bed so elevated
that the water will easily pass into the ditches, and
all mounds be dispersed with: — At whatever points
sluices shall be needed to pass the water underneath
the surface of the road, said Sluices must be con-
-structed of Stone or brick, sufficiently wide to pass the
water immediately. — good Chestnut or Oak Plank
three inches in thickness must be laid across the
sluices for the walls to rest upon. — If stone are used
for the side walls, the covering must also be of stone.
If brick are substituted, they must be laid in water
Cement; — At whatever points railing is needed for
the safety of the public travel, there must be erected
posts with railing upon them, the small ends not to be
less than three inches in diameter, and the posts to
be firmly fastened in the ground, the same being
sunk at least three feet in the earth. — The hollow
where the brook crosses the highway near the Chestnut tree
must be filled to bring it in grade to the road east of the
hollow: — The Causeway eastwardly of the Agawam
Bridge must be raised three feet, and well protected
on the southerly side by wharfing: A Slope wall where
it is necessary on the northerly side of the cause way to
prevent the water from undermining the road, must be
constructed, whenever the Agawam Bridge is rebuilt
the East end thereof must be dropped two feet to lessen

the inclination of the road.

All the materials used in the construction of bridges, sluices and railing, must be of the best kind and the work skilfully done to the acceptance of the Commissioners by the first of September next.

Having made the alterations aforesaid, and having heard all persons who desired to be heard on the question of passages occasioned thereby, said Commissioners proceeded to report the same as follows, viz.

In Constante Leonard twenty five acres	\$25.00
" Philip Leonard low land Twenty five acres Sixty two and a half	75.62
" " " upland - twenty five acres	25.00
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Wm B. Calhoun Esq being unable to attend notice was given by the other members of the Board to Robert E. Bernis Esq one of the Special Commissioners who appeared and acted in his stead.

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George C. Gibbs		Commissioners
R. E. Bernis		Special Commisr

Which report being read and considered is accepted & the alterations: and the road established as for a public highway.

